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SENIOR ministers are urging

John Major to bring forward

next month's planned reshuf-

fle to end speculation about

the future of some Cabinet

members, including the Agri-

culture Minister, Douglas

The Prime Minister has

reshuffle of middle-ranking

him by Tim Eggar and Steven

Norris, who want to leave

frontline politics. Mr Major

had planned to make the

changes at the end of next

month, but he is now being

advised to announce them

Friends of the Prime Minis-

ter are blaming ambitious

ministers who see the reshuf-

fle as their last chance to enter

the Cabinet for recent specula-

tion that Mr Hogg, Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secre-tary, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancel-

lor, should be dropped, and

others - including Gillian Shephard, the Education Sec-

retary - moved.
There is also pressure with-

in the Cabinet for Mr Hogg to be removed, and Brian

Mawhimey, the party chair-

man, is among those who

The Agriculture Minister

has made mistakes during the

beef crisis and some of his

exchanges with his European

colleagues have been undiplo-

matic, but Mr Major's friends

believe the Prime Minister

would prefer not to drop him.

that Mr Hogg's position - in

common with others under

attack - will become untena-

ble if the propaganda against them is allowed to continue

throughout July.
Mr Major will therefore be

advised to focus on the

changes when he returns from

the G7 summit of industrial-

ised nations in Lyons at the

weekend. He could then an-

They also believe, however.

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Move to end rumours about Hogg

# Major urged to announce early reshuffle

By Philip Webster, political editor

#### How Parliament could change

The Prime Minister will counter opposition plans for constitutional change today when he puts forward proposed reforms of the working said that he wants to leave the Cabinet unchanged, but a of Parliament.

John Major will suggest that the Queen's Speech ministers is being forced on should move from November to May and that it should set out Bills planned for the following two years, rather than one as at present. That would give extra time for select committees and interested parties to examine draft legislation before it is put fore the Commons.

Mr Major will outline his plans in a speech to the Centre for Policy Studies during which he will oppose "change for change's sake". Mr Major believes that Labour's plans weaken Parliament, which, he says, is supreme people and "the focus for the country at times of national grief, outrage and conflict".

nounce replacements for Mr Eggar, the Energy Minister, and Mr Norris, the Transport Minister, next week, along with the consequent changes

in the lower ranks. If he remains of the view that he does not want to alter the Cabinet, he could then make plain that no further changes were envisaged be-

fore the general election.

Mr Major has let it be known only this week that he sees no reason to move Mr Hogg, and that he does not take kindly to Cabinet ministers trying to carry out his reshuffles for him.

Even so, ministers were briefing that Mr Hogg's days were numbered, minutes after Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, had told the

Commons that he was safe in

A senior minister close to Mr Major said yesterday: There are a lot of ambitious people out there. Some of them are certain we will lose the election and are desperate to get the rank of Cabinet minis-ter on their CVs before we go

Reports that David Davis, the Minister of State for European Affairs, was on the point of resignation because of his frustration over the Government's approach to the beef crisis before it declared its policy of non-cooperation with Europe, are dominating conversations among Conservative MPs.

Mr Davis's Euro-sceptic friends are blaming senior pro-Europeans for spreading the stories to destroy his chances of getting into the Cabinet and to secure promotion for ministers such as Nicholas Soames and David Curry.

felt by some MPs to have done his own prospects little good by reacting slowly to the reports when they first ap-peared last Thursday night, with the result that they gained momentum and made the front pages of many

Mr Major's circle is meanwhile blaming the Tory Right for recent reports suggesting that the Prime Minister was at odds with Mrs Shephard over selection and grammar

Although the Downing Street policy unit headed by Norman Blackwell has consistently been pushing a radical line on education, it is understood there have been regular discussions between Mrs Shephard and Mr Major at which they agreed the pace of change outlined in yesterday's White Paper.

White Paper, page 8



Paul Ince, the England midfielder, hopes for a fruitful outcome in tonight's semi-final against Germany when the teams clash at Wembley

#### Football sends England fans rushing home

AND DIANA THORP

MILLIONS will rush home from work tonight to take their television seats for England's soccer clash with Germany in the Euro 96 semi-final.

In addition to 76,000 fans at Wembley, another 20 million are expected to watch on television. A spokesman for the AA said: "The rush hour will be much more concentrated than normal. Roads will be

deserted during the game." Theatregoers are voting for an early night, too. A spokes-man for the Garrick Theatre, in London's West End, said half their seats are unsold for this evening. The English National Opera also reported empty spaces and the Ritz Restaurant blamed football for a fall in bookings.

The Engineering Employers Federation has invited 500 people to a dinner at the Guildhall tonight but the hour last night. And a party hosted by the Foreign Office has been cancelled. But some workers will miss England's biggest match for six years. Employers at Vauxhall, one of the sponsors of Euro 96,

clock on late at their Luton plant and make up time afterwards, saying it would affect production lines. A company spokesman said workers could listen on radios. Electricity companies were

#### Redwood on the German problem

A controversial demand for Britain to be ready to stand up to German bullying and to resist Chancellor Kohl's vision of a European state is delivered by John Redwood in *The Times* today.

With politicians trying to lower nationalist passions in advance of tonight's game, Mr Redwood raises the political temperature by calling on Britain to give alternative leadership in Europe. Helmut Kohl, he says, is living in the past\_\_\_\_\_\_Page 20

after the game but said yesterday they should have no trouble coping with demand. The England fans' anthem. Three Lions by the Lightning Seeds, is expected to regain the top position in the music charts on Sunday. HMV said there had been a tenfold increase in sales. • Meanwhile, England fans

preparing for a power sure

are rushing to buy their warpaint for tonight's semifinal. There is only one drawback. All the best-selling body paints are made in Germany. John Major yesterday wished the England team well

and said the tournament so far had been a "stunning success". His comments followed newspapers, and the Daily Mirror in particular, amid claims that their treatment of the match was insulting to the Germans. The Prime Minister congratulated the teams and spectators on the spirit they have displayed during those games. "It has been a friendly, carnival atmosphere so far. I hope nothing changes be-tween now and the final."

Mirror protest, page 2 Letters, page 21 Sense of occasion, page 52

#### Woolwich deal for Robinson

Peter Robinson, the former chief executive of the Woolwith Building Society, has signed a confidential deal with his former employer giving him a pension of at least £133,000 a year.

Mr Robinson, 54, who had a two-year contract and an annual salary of £300,000, left the society abruptly in April over allegations of irregular-ties, including using society resources for work on his home. He has denied the allegations ...... Page 27, 29



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#### **Buddhist 'Dead Sea Scrolls'** uncovered by British Library

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THE British Library has discovered sensational manuscript fragments the potential significance of which for Bud-dhist scholars is comparable with that of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Christianity and

The manuscripts, birchbark scrolls that looked like "badly rolled up cigars" when first shown to the Library, are believed to be the earliest surviving Buddhist texts. These will allow scholars to

get nearer to what Buddha said than ever before," said Graham Shaw, deputy director of the Library's Oriental and India Office Collections. They date from the end of the lst century AD or the begin-ning of the 2nd century AD. Buddha, a charismatic fig-

ure who inspired disciples to spread his teachings, died in 486 BC. "With these", said Mr Shaw, we're within 500 to 600 years of his death." Apart from bringing schol-

ticity of teachings and ser-

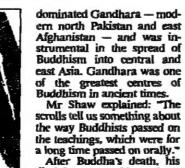
mons recounted in later texts.

The Buddhist scrolls

ars closer to the original language of the Buddha, this could corroborate the authen-

fragments, ranging from Buddha's sermons to poems and treatises on the psychology of perception. The Library acdealer for a "five-figure sum", with help from an anonymous

put a value on the Dead Sea



disciples are said to have

gathered in assemblies where

they recited his sermons and organised them into what

came to be the Buddhist

Asia today has some 130 million Buddhists; another 270,000 live in Britain, which

boasts some of the finest

The scrolls were acquired

months ago. Mr Shaw said

has taken that long to study

them: "Suspecting it might be

important is one thing, but

getting academic confirmation

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Buddhist antiquities.

donor.

Seen in a new light, their value is "incalculable", Mr Shaw said. "How would you

It is believed that they are part of the long-lost canon of the Sarvastivadin sect which

#### **Grammar streams** may return next year By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS aim to rush through legislation to revive grammar schools and give comprehensives freedom to

select more bright pupils. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said that grammar streams" could be introduced in some comprehensive schools in September next year as a result of the White Paper published yesterday. Local authority schools would be allowed to select a

"I'm not going grey,

fifth of pupils, even if councillors objected, and governors and parents would have to consider introducing selection

every year.

Mrs Shephard admitted, however, that it would be "touch and go" whether the measures reached the statute book before the election.

White Paper, page 8 Simon Jenkins, page 20 Leading article, page 21

#### Joy for British aces

By JOANNA BALE BRITISH tennis boasted two great victories at Wimbledon



and Greg Rusedski won their matches in nail-biting style. Henman beat Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, 7-6, 6-3, 6-7. 4-6, 7-5 in a 3hr 36min epic and Rusedski beat Canada's Daniel Nestor 7-6, 7-6, 6-2 Seven British men are now

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# Team captain misses a sitter for a less than satisfactory result

POLITICAL SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

K. nobody expected John Major to stand at the dispatch box and shout "Stuff the Krauts!" Nobody wanted him to sing " 'Ere we go, 'ere we go." No one was asking him to chant "Twonil/To the Ing-er-land!" From any Prime Minister, but especially this one, a shout of "Away the lads!" would sound wrong in the Commons.

But was it too much to ask him to say out loud that he wanted England to win? Minister, "they play well and

have a satisfactory result." A satisfactory result? Spit it out, John: say it for heaven's sake. Win! Three little letters, one little word: one plain, unambiguous hope; a firm comingdown on this side of the

But no: something deep in Mr Major's peculiar psyche had gagged at the sheer, naked commitment of the word "win" and, as the ball of his argument spun straight towards an open goal, headed "I hope," said the Prime it off sideways on to the post. Awesome words, those little ones, like "win", "lose", "love",

Through the weird and fascinating marshes of John Major's unconscious mind cruise deadly, pith-detecting mis-siles, their mission plain: "Seek and destroy meaning!" Pith-warning! Pith-warning! Danger lights flash and sirens wail. "Red alert! The Prime Minister is approaching a definite statement! Mr Major is about to mean something! Avert! Evade! Abort! Even his own Cabinet col-

leagues could not conceal their

McFall (Lab, Dumbarton) had offered up a patsy question, inviting Mr Major to wish England well tonight and to condemn tabloid xenophobia. This offered Major two free kicks: the chance to say "win",

or perhaps even (snakes alive!)

"score" or (horrors!) "goal".

and at the same time to

mirth. Good-natured John

condemn the Daily Mirror, a Labour-leaning paper which would stamp on his neck if it got the chance. But could Mr Major hope for a "win". or condemn "the Daily Mirror"?

Could he heck. "Win" be-"satisfactory result", "Daily Mirror", "a certain tabloid newspaper". We half expected him to wish England a staged framework for the achievement of goals. This sort of thing is quite instinctive with Mr Major.

whose prose I have been submitting to textual analysis for some years. It is absolutely not the case that his panic-stricken grasp for an ambiguous phrase whenever a plainspeaking word looms arises from any ambiguity in his own thought. He knows very clearly what he wants and thinks. The fear (which is unconscious) is of saving it.

Nor does this dislike of

dacity. Major is more honest than his predecessor, but she would express herself punchily even when her intention was to mislead. In short, far from using ambiguity to further his own advantage, Mr Major sells himself short by hesitating to say what he could easily say and knows he thinks.

If, as this Prime Minister speaks, you follow the prereleased texts of his speeches. you will notice his habit of departing from the script wherever it contains a short,

the backbone of his speechwriter's drafts by inserting dead phrases like "now, in the past, or in the months and years ahead". Required to read a three-word sentence -"Nor will I" - Mr Major will find himself saying "Nor will

I, er, do so." He does this automatically. self-defeatingly. Even while acting decisively, Major is intuitively averse to the sound of decisiveness. It must reflect

some deep, childhood terror of

being pinned down.

# Major defies Tory revolt on military homes sale

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR set himself on a collision course with dozens of Tory MPs yesterday by brushing aside demands to stop the £1.6 billion sale of Armed Forces' married

The Prime Minister took a tough line in backing the sale of 58,000 homes in the face of one of the biggest threatened rebellions against the Government. Only hours after 65 Conservative MPs told ministers that the sale would destroy service morale and allow developers to "cream off" the best housing, Mr Major insisted that opposition was based on misunderstanding. His stance infuriated several backbenchers who said he had been "ill-advised". One senior

to regret those words." The sale, planned for September, has angered the Royal British Legion, the Army Families Federation and other service organisations which claim that the proposal will lead to the break-up of Armed Forces housing over the next 25 years. Labour is preparing to force a vote on the issue before the Commons recess

MP added: "He will be made

next month. Yesterday Tony Blair seized on the mounting Tory dissent by claiming that ministers were pushing the proposals with "indecent haste". Backbench Tories, including sevled the campaign to force the Government to put the proposals before MPs and peers. The Treasury-driven plan involves the sale and lease-back of military homes for up to 25 years, to save money on the running of 800 housing sites in England and Wales, where 20 per cent of houses are vacant. Senior Tory sources admitted that the strength of backbench feeling had caught

ministers off-guard. Mr Major told MPs that the proposed sale would free £100 million to refurbish and improve poor-quality housing. He rejected suggestions by the Labour leader that service estates would be broken up. that the taxpayer would lose out and that the Ministry of Defence would lose control of the housing stock.

The Prime Minister said: "It is going to release substantial sums of money for improving and refurbishing service families' homes. There will be little change for the occupants. It will emphatically not mean that the service people's rents will rise. It will not mean problem families being dumped on MoD estates and it will not mean service personnel being moved against

Government sources have suggested that the campaign, backed by many John Redwood supporters, is being coordinated by the former minister in an effort to embarrass Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary and a potential rightwing rival for the Tory leadership. Mr Redwood dismissed the suggestion.

#### **Crowds** come out to greet Prince in **Belfast**

By NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND

THE Prince of Wales was mobbed by cheering support-ers in Belfast yesterday as he Catholics on the first day of the biggest royal visit to Northern Ireland for two

decades. One elderly admirer broke through a crowd of up to 1,000 during a walkabout in North Belfast to plant a kiss on his cheek. Hannah Caldwell. 84. who wore a Union Jack hat

who wore a Umion Jack har and was dressed in the colours of the flag, grabbed the Prince and told him to make up with the Princess of Wales.

Mrs Caldwell, a widowed grandmother, said afterwards: "I told him to get together again. He said, 'Ah all right."

The Prince visited the loyalist area after arriving on board the Britannia. He will be in the Province for three

days.
One of his first engagements was at Mountcollyer youth club, in North Belfast, where he met young people from both sides of the community and from the Irish

The club is less than a mile from the scene of last Friday's disturbance when republicans threw petrol bombs at the RUC in protest at a loyalist Orange march.

The Prince had a taste of the difficulties of living in Belfast when a Roman Catholic member of Belfast Youth Forum told him of her fears of crossing the "peace line" to meet him at the club. Louisa Ward, 17, said: "I told the Prince that I was a bit worried



The Prince receiving a warm welcome in North Belfast from Hannah Caldwell, 84

about coming because it is a Protestant area. The peace line is not a barrier, but it is a line I would not normally

A Protestant youth group that has been on holiday with Roman Catholics was asked by the Prince why nationalists and Unionists still fought each other. Lisa Vokes, 17, said: "We told him that we felt intimidated by them."

Cork Youth Development Centre, who was invited to Northern Ireland by the Prince's Trust, was impressed by the patron. She said: "He asked me about the differences between Belfast and Cork. He was very nice and

down to earth." The Britannia is expected to sail around the North Antrim coast today before

Paula O'Sullivan, 16, ... of ... docking in Londonderry. It is the first time that Britannia has docked in the Province's harbours. When the Queen visited for two days in 1977 the ship moored off the coast because of security fears.

One of the main aims of the visit is to boost Northern Ireland's tourism industry. The Prince is expected to visit a number of tourist attrac-

#### Scrolls find

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Years of study lie ahead before the text can be deci-phered, analysed and compared with existing texts.

The fragments include tales told on Lake Anavatapta's banks at an assembly of the Buddha and his disciples. Buddhists believe in reincarnation and each explains his deeds in a former life and how they influenced this one.

Just getting a peek at the text proved difficult. Those involved had to uncurl the "cigars" whose fragility was a conservator's nightmare. Mr Shaw said: "It is fiendishly brittle material. The first question was, will these ever unroll or will they simply

There have been reports in old excavations of things like this having been found and the moment they were touched literally crumbled to dust." In just purchasing them, he explained, "we were taking a

they were salvable. We put them in a bell jar overnight and allowed them to be slowly moistened", he ex-plained. "Then we took the next awful step. Holding our breath, one of our conservators used tweezers and began

lied more moisture, without saturating it." Mr Shaw said that the exact origin is unknown beyond that they were probably found in Afghanistan in earthenware jars. These, too, may be original pieces, but tests have

is known about their prove-nance, their attribution has been confirmed by Professor Richard Salomon, based at the University of Washington in

He is one of the world's greatest scholars of Kharosthi - a script derived from the Aramaic alphabet that was restricted to a small area of India. They are, he said, the Dead Sea Scrolls of Buddhism".

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THOUSANDS of penniless turned the Government's ben-

The judges unanimously decided that four London councils were wrong to exclude the refugees from shelter and must now reconsider.

Lord Justice Neill said that Lord Justice Brown said: "I

one likely to suffer 'injury or detriment' through a total inability to clothe, feed or shelter himself should be any less entitled to priority housing than someone vulnerable through age or disablement." The London boroughs of

Islington, Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham, and Westminster City Council, were given leave to appeal to the House of Lords against yesterday's judgment in a test case brought by applicants from Kenya, Ethiopia, Bulgaria

The judgment overturns a High Court ruling by Mr Justice Popplewell that asy-ium seekers left destitute by the Government's benefits crackdown were not legally entitled to housing. Refugee charities said thousands of people would have been affected by such a decision.

#### MENSINBRES IRA haul

included new type of bomb John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said yesterday that Irish Police discovered a new

type of IRA bomb when they

uncovered a terrorist bombmaking factory in the Republic last week. He told the Irish Parliament that dozens of the bombs, which are believed to be a new type of mortar, were heing prepared for early use.

Hours after his comments
Irish police displayed the haul, uncovered during a raid on a bunker in Clonastee, Co Laois, last week. The arms, which included live mortars, if launchers, and explosives, also included a new type of timing device. Four men charged over the find were remanded in custody by Dublin's Special Criminal Court yesterday until July 9.

#### Talks to avert Tube strike fail

A near-total shutdown of the London Underground network is expected tomorrow after conciliation talks aimed at averting a one-day strike failed. More than 2,000 drivers belonging to the Aslef union will refuse to work from midnight tonight in a dispute over pay and working hours. Dockland Light Railway and mainline trains will run as normal.

#### Devices on line stop trains

Trains on the Settle-Carlisle line were stopped for several hours last night after homemade devices linked to animal-rights activists were found near by. Police believe the target was a nearby poultry farm at Langwathby, Cumbria. The devices, including petrol bombs, were found in a holdall and a rucksack. Army bomb disposal experts examined the find.

#### Revenge killer iailed for life

A clerk who stabbed a solicitor eight years after being sacked from a law firm for stealing £1.50 was jailed for life. John Vine, 39, of Thornhill, Southampton, was found guilty of the murder of Nigel Lightfoot, 60, senior partner at Lamport Bassitt, At Winchester Crown Court, Vine admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility or provocation.

#### Bailiffs descend on Birmingham

Bailiffs entered the offices of Birmingham City Council yesterday and threatened to seize the assets of England's largest local authority over a debt of £200,000. The bailiffs toured Birmingham's Council House compiling an inventory of the Labour-controlled council's more valuable possessions. A cheque was signed by the city's finance director within an hour.

#### Surrogate mother loses adoption ruling appeal By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT stage should be disregarded.

A SURROGATE mother who accepted £8,000 in exchange for her baby lost a court action yesterday to try to have him returned to her. The mother, aged 38, said she had regretted her role as a surrogate from the moment her son was born in March last year. Three Appeal Court judges

ruled that the couple to whom the women gave the baby are free to adopt him, although buying babies for adoption is illegal in Britain. The judges, ruling in the Court of Session in Edinburgh, said that the welfare of the baby was the main consid-

wife, were described in court as "excellent parents". Counsel for the natural mother, Ms S, said she was too distressed at the time of the birth to know what she was

eration. The adoptive parents.

a Fife police officer and his

Ms S has four other children by a man who does not live with her. The court heard that she was living on benefit at the time and had falsely stated on the form sent to her by the surrogate agency which arranged the initial meeting that she was cohabiting.

Mr and Mrs C met Ms S in

July 1994 and Ms S artificially inseminated herself with Mr

Ms S asked for a cheque for E1,000 in November 1994. On March 30 1995 the baby was born in a hospital in the north of England. Mr and Mrs C went to the labour ward and placed two cheques for £2,000 and £5,000 along with a bracelet in the mother's overnight bag. Mrs C then fed the baby with a bottle.

The court heard that the baby had bonded well with the doing and her consent at that adoptive couple and that the

natural mother was a stranger to him. A month after the birth Ms S told her doctor she wanted her baby back and the legal battle began.

She took her case to the Scottish courts and in February a sheriff ruled that Ms S had acted unreasonably in withholding adoption consent. He also ruled that Mr and Mrs C had broken the law by contravening the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 by making a payment of ES.000.

He refused to make an adoption order and instead he gave the adoptive parents custody of the child and banned the natural mother from visiting the baby.

Yesterday Lord Hope, sitting with Lord Allanbridge and Lord Weir rejected the Ms S's claims and ruled in favour of the couple, allowing them to adopt the baby.

# 'jingoistic' tabloids | housing overturned

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

ONE of the country's biggest advertisers is boycotting the Daily Mirror and the Daily Star in protest against the papers' xenophobic coverage of the Euro 96 football

Vauxhall, which spends E56 million a year on advertising and is an official sponsor of Euro 96, said it had decided not to run advertisements for its Vectra saloon car in today's editions of the two tabloids because it had been offended by their coverage on Monday. which compared tonight's semi-final clash between England and Germany with the Second World War.

Wolfgang Schubert, Vauxhall's marketing communications director, who happens to be German, said last night that the company wanted to reflect the buoyant mood of England supporters by running a "fun" and "topical" press advertisement to

coincide with today's match. We think it is important not to offend anyone, so we have run the Vectra ad in every national newspaper except those papers which we feel have gone too far," he said.

The Daily Mirror's front page on Monday included the headlines "Mirror Declares Football War on Germany and "Achtung! Surrender ... For you Fritz ze Euro 96 Championship is over", and an open letter to readers written in the style of Neville Chamberlain's famous radio broadcast announcing the outbreak of war in 1934. The Daily Star also drew heavily

on wartime imagery. The Press Complaints Comnumber of 260 telephone calls yesterday from readers prolesting against the Mirror's anti-German coverage.

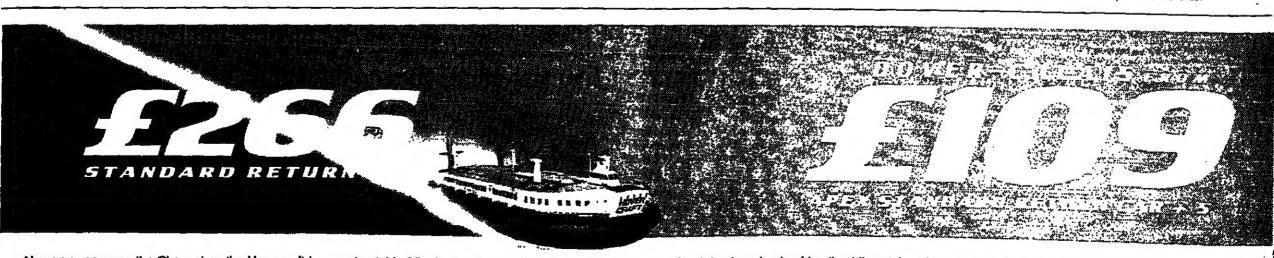
By Richard Ford, home correspondent

asylum seekers have been unlawfully denied council housing, the Appeal Court ruled yesterday. The decision was made by the same three judges who last week overefit curbs on asylum seckers.

the applicants' status as destitute asylum seekers could amount to a "special reason" why local authorities should treat them as having a "priority need entitling them to temporary accommodation. see no good reason why some-

and Zaire.

Yesterday Mr Major defended the Government's move to cut benefits to asylum seekers, saying he believed the vast majority of the country supported its action.



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Church conspiracy led to sex charges against theologian

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Scottish theologian was yesterday acquitted of five charges of sexual assault after a court ruled that he was the victim of a church conspiracy. Professor Donald Macleod,

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55. Professor of Systematic Theology at the Free Church College in Edinburgh, was hounded by powerful mem-bers of the Free Church of Scotland for more than ten years. They spread rumours and innuendo about his personal life and prevented him from preaching and publish-

According to Sheriff John

Horsburgh, members of the Court that the women who strict religious denomination perjured themselves in court and "broke the ninth commandment" in an effort to ensure Professor Maclend was convicted of five criminal charges that three church committees had failed to

The Church, known informally as The Wee Frees, is particularly influential in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. It is one of the last strongholds of traditional puritanism and sabbatarianism. Professor Macleod main-

ten years ago, he pressed her to him and kissed her tained at Edinburgh Sheriff Sheriff Horsburgh said the woman had "a bias against and hostility towards Professor Macleod". She was both "defensive and contentious" when giving evidence. There

> her evidence. The second witness, Dr B, 35, a senior lecturer in statistics, said that the professor had sexually assaulted her on two occasions, once in his study in the Free Church College in Edinburgh and once in a parked car.

accused him were pawns of

powerful members of the

Church who hated his liberal

views and his popularity with

those was the Rev John J.

Murray, minister of St Columba's Church in Edin-

burgh, who had waged a

The first wimess for the

prosecution was Miss A, a 28-

year-old university graduate and close relative of Professor

Macleod. She said that on

visiting his Edinburgh home

vendetta against him.

The Sheriff said he had found the woman to be a powerful personality". He did not believe that she would have kept quiet during a sustained assault.

The three other women who made allegations against Professor Madeod were all members of the same Free Church in Edinburgh and were good friends of Mr Murray. They alleged the professor had tried to kiss them. All denied they were part of a conspiracy.

The charge relating to one of the women was dropped after she gave a different date for the assault from that on the charge sheet. The Sheriff said he felt there were discrepancies in the accounts given by both the other witnesses.

Going through evidence of attempts to discredit Professor Macleod by those inside the Free Church, including Mr Murray. Sheriff Horsburgh said he felt witnesses were right to regard Mr Murray as

Sheriff Horsburgh said: From all the evidence, I have come to the conclusion there was a conspiracy, It involved a number of people inside and outside the Free Church. They may have had different reasons for their hostility towards (the professor), but the com-mon objective was his downfal)."

Afterwards Professor Maclead posed for pictures with his wife Mary and said he would not bring legal action against his accusers. "Life is too short. I want to get on with my life," he said.



Professor Macleod and his wife Mary after the trial

## **Puritanical sect** falls from grace

By Our Scotland Correspondent

cremations. One church mem-

ber said: "God may have given

Moses the Ten Command-

ments, but he gave Free

Church ministers a further

The picture that emerged in Court 2 of Edinburgh's Sheriff

Court of a number of powerful

ministers willing to use

subterfuge and slanderous

gossip to bring down one of

orcachers has made many in

Professor Macleod's pos-

ition in the Church is unclear.

He has talked about joining

the Church of Scotland. If he leaves the Free Church, up to

half the Church could go with

him. It has only 6,000 mem-bers and 19,000 regular atten-

dants, many of them crofters eking a living from the harsh

the Free Church squirm.

ONLY in the Free Church of should be allowed to conduct Scotland would Professor Donald Macleod be seen as a liberal. At 55 and standing oft tall, this unsmiling Calvinist with his booming West Highland voice and sober navy suits is most people's idea of a hell-fire-and-brimstone

But in the confines of the Free Church, which has changed little since its estab-Macleod is seen by some as a dangerous reformer whose desire to drag the Church into the 20th century may destroy it.

The professor, regarded as the Church's most brilliant mind, takes a relaxed view on a number of issues that the Free Church holds dear. He is not upset by women wearing trousers or attending church bareheaded. In court he said he did not hold with the Free Church article of faith which describes the Pope as "the man of sin". He thinks ministers should, on occasion, leave off their clerical collars and

Eight held

in abuse

inquiry

EIGHT people were being questioned yesterday over sex-

abuse claims in an inquiry which began when a girl made

#### environment of the Western Isles. Already 2,000 support-ers have signed a petition backing the professor and a fund to pay his legal fees has raised more than £20,000. Stranded sailors

died as mist fell

BASIC safety equipment could have saved three men who drowned after their boat was thrown against a sandbank, a fatal accident inquiry was told

yesterday. Gerald Bruce, 58, his son allegations to a leacher. Five men and a woman lain, 26, and Alan Jones, 50, were detained when detectives died as they tried to walk, in and social workers executed thick mist, the 500 yards from search warrants at six homes their smashed and beached boat in the River Tay estuary in north Cornwall under the Protection of Children Act. to the shore. They and the sole survivor. Jim Miller. 45, The men, aged 35 to 53, were arrested on suspicion of rapbecame disorientated when

ing girls aged between 13 and 15. A sixth man, in his late the mist descended. The amateur sailors, who twenties, was later arrested in were taking the newly purnorth Cornwall on suspicion chased 28ft vessel from New-burgh. Fife. to their home of similar offences and a seventh in Shropshire. town of Arbruath, Tayside, A 23-year-old woman was had no radio, lifejackets or arrested for allegedly exposing

distress flares. a child to moral danger. Police Mr Miller said: "We made a said that hundreds of videos joint decision to cut the corner and a quantity of printed matter had been seized during at Gaz Sands. We saw the marker bouys but we thought they were only for big boats. Three children aged under We got stuck on a sandbank. four were subject to emergen-cy protection orders and a care Then this wave came along. lifted the boat up and dropped order had been made for a 14it. It just cracked. We jumped year-old. A number of other children were expected to be overboard and decided to walk to the shore. When we

went into the water it was only up to our knees and it was a fine, sunny day. But then the mist came in and we just lost all direction.

We had one lifering and we tied three plastic drums to our belts. We thought the tide would take us in but it just took us round in circles. I didn't think the water was that cold at first, but it was cold after you had been in it for a while.

"Gerry died first. He had a heart problem and was nervous from the start. When he died we did not want lain, his son, to see him, so I made sure he was facing the other way. Then Iain died.

"I managed to get one leg out of the water, that's how I was found by the lifeboat."

John Hughan, the lifeboat coxman, said that he would expect anyone planning to make the journey to have a radio, lifejackets and preferably a liferaft. He added that a compass and navigations charts would be essential. Sheriff Norrie Stein said

that basic safety measures

would have saved the men.

Father, 14, spared detention

By LIN JENKINS

the investigation.

A COURT yesterday decided not to impose a custodial sentence on a 14-year-old boy for a string of car crimes to give 5m the chance to bring up his baby daughter. The boy was given a conditional discharge for 37 offences committed before the child was born.

The youth court at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. had deferred sentence from January to see if the teenager. who admitted the offences,

could keep out of trouble. John Kirkpatrick, for the boy, said: "He has not offended since his last court appearance. He is training at a garage and acting as a father to his child with his

partner." The teenager stole ten cars between August and October last year, abandoning them in fenland villages. Phillip Loakes, chairman youth court panel, said: "This

was obviously a stupid and very annoying spree for a lot of people. It affected a lot of people's lives.

"We are pleased to see that you have done something about your lifestyle. We know you have a young daughter and we hope you bring her up in a proper environment which will be free of crime."

The charges included taking a vehicle without permission and driving without a







Survivors of the big purge at IMG Models: from left, Lisa Butcher, aged 24, Tyra Banks, 23, and the veteran Lauren Hutton, 52

THE most vital statistic for some models yesterday was their age. Sixty who are beyond the ripe old age of 25 have been told their services are no longer required by a major agency seeking to freshen its image, IMG Models has decided

to clear its books of many of its "older, sophisticated, more commercial girls" in an attempt to move upmarket to-wards the trend for younger, more "homespun" girls. But the decision raised some eyebrows yesterday in an industry whose biggest names include Christy Turlington. 26. Cindy Crawford, 30, Jerry Hall, 39, and Isabella Youth before beauty for the models 'too old at 25'

Rossellini, who is pushing 45. Lisa Butcher, who is with IMG, remains safe at 24 however and Tyra Banks. another of its models, is 23. Lauren Hutton, who became a Revion girl for the second time at 50, is now 52 - more than twice as old as her employers' guideline.

The move comes weeks after model scouts were criticised for approaching girls as young as 12. Only a few the agency's former manag-ing director, resigned after enraging women's magazines by accusing them of exploiting young models in semi-

pornographic shots.
The latest decision was seen by some industry insiders as a desperate attempt to win back favour with the publications which are understood to have reduced the number of IMG models. The agency defended its decision claiming it want-

Burton, was reported as saying: "Our problem was that we had some older, sophisticated, more commercial girls who no longer fitted our image. We are now looking for young, homespun talent.

higher end of the market." Other agencies said it was nonsense to have age limits. A

It is mainly the ones who were

25-plus who have gone. We

want to concentrate on the

whose books include Elle Macpherson, 29, and Carla Bruni, 26, said: "We start girls quite young but we keep them with us for a long time. Everything depends on how someone looks. I don't think there is a particular trend for

younger models."
Carole White, managing director of the Elite modelling agency which has Linda Evangelista, 3l. on its books, said IMG's move seemed "very hard". She added: "All modelling agencies are gov-erned by what their clients want. In general they want girls from 18 to 25, but there is a huge demand for older girls which we do not particularly



# Overworked doctors desert the inner cities

BY JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MEDICAL care in the inner cities is threatened with disaster because of the exodus of doctors from the NHS, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

Doctors are turning their hacks on general practice because of flagging morale, overwork and unsocial hours. and hospitals cannot recruit consultants in some specialties such as anaesthetics.

The annual conference of the association called yesterday for national action to deal with the growing recruitment crisis. One in six medical students is dropping out be-fore they qualify and half of vocational training schemes for GPs are undersubscribed. up to 25 per cent of doctors are not working in the NHS three

years after qualifying.
At the other end of the age scale, more GPs are retiring early, with a 25 per cent drop in the number working beyond 60 in the past six years. in east London, a recruitment fair to fill 140 GP vacancies had failed to secure a single

Doctors declared their opposition yesterday to using private capital to build NHS hospitals. They fear that shareholders' interests will override those of patients. Six-NHS building projects worth £316 million funded by commercial organisations have been given the go-ahead under the Government's private finance initiative.

Members of the BMA meeting said the schemes would lead to the back-door privatisation of the health service, undermining its public ethos and causing it to fragment.

doctor, the conference was accounted for by the rising

others baling out, we are

number of women, who make Dr Jan Bogle, chairman of up a third of the profession. the BMA's GP committee, Dr Banks said: "Something is going very badly wrong. We said: "With doctors not wishing to come into practice and are losing doctors at the older

facing a disaster. There is a potential breakdown of gener-al practice in the inner cities." A BMA committee set up last year to examine the manpower crisis has been unable to obtain accurate figures on the workforce because they are no longer held centrally. Dr lan Banks, a member of the committee, said that the figures that were available paint-

ed a frightening picture. The apparent rise in the number of GPs - 4.9 per cent from 1990 to 1994 -- disguised the fact that more were working part-time. This is partly

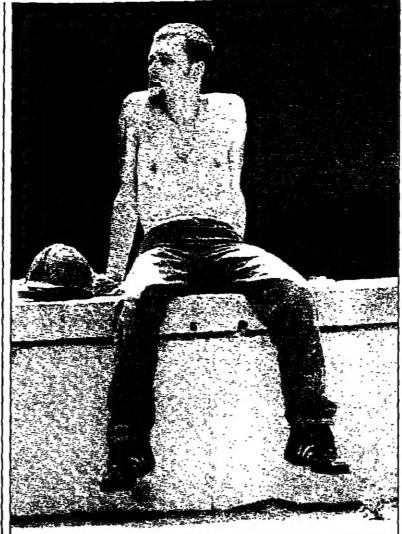
any that are going on to that age. "I don't need the hassle" is the usual comment." Dr David MacDonald

Burns, 59, a consultant at the Royal Free Hospital in north London, who expects to retire next year, said: The reason we want out now is because we do not feel valued. The NHS does not value continuity of experience and that is what the patients need. NHS trusts want someone cheap and quick."

Dr Michael Olver, a GP in Crewe, said that ten years ago his practice had 150 applicants for a partner's post but last year it had attracted only 12 for a similar job. "It is the worst crisis we have faced for 30 years," he said.

The Health Department said: "We don't see there is a crisis, although there are some pockets of difficulty. GP numbers continue to rise and there are sufficient to fill the vacancies."

A stress counselling help line for doctors has taken 800 calls in its first ten weeks. One in four callers to the helpline, launched by the BMA in April, said they were unable to cope with their work.



A construction worker taking a break in the London sun yesterday. Temperatures in the capital reached 26C. Forecast, page 26

#### Britons ignore cancer danger in quest for 'healthy' tan

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

ACRES of bare brown skin featured in television advertisements and holiday brochures are conveying a dangerous message. psychologists said yesterday. Images such as Baywatch and the Diet Coke advertisement. showing a bricklayer stripped to the waist; reinforced the idea that a tan was healthy. But sunbathers were increasing their risk of skin cancer, including the most dangerous form, melanoma, which has doubled since 1980.

Professor Richard Eisner of Exeter University and his wife Dr Christine Eisner, director of the Cancer Research Campaign's child and family research group, visited beaches in Devon, Italy and the Canary Islands to interview holidaymakers.

They found that while the British were generally better informed about the risks of skin cancer, they were careless about protecting themselves against it. Many saw "lying on a beach sunbathing and swimming" as an ideal holiday and believed they were not personally at risk "if they kept dolloping on sun-cream".

Male outdoor workers were particularly at risk. Dr Christine Eisner told a press conference in London. Women claimed to be more prepared to protect themselves, especially with sunscreen, but at the same time appeared to enjoy sunbathing more and set a higher value

on getting a tan.

Educating people about the risks was a "real problem". Dr Eisner said. The only answer was

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ages because of early retire-

ment and at the younger ages

because of a failure to recruit.

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. Dr Banks said GPs were

caught in a vicious circle as

their colleagues departed and their workload increased. The

conference in Brighton was

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Edelman, a consultant in II-

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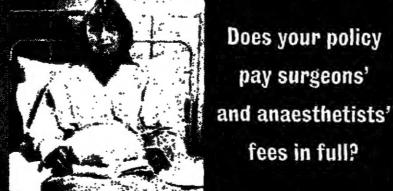
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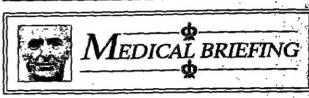
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#### Priceless results of mother care

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looking for pre-eclampsia, the rise in blood pressure, increase in the swelling in the fingers and feet and the presence of albumin in the urine, which might give the first warning. In the past an eclamptic fit nearly always meant the death of the unborn baby, and sometimes the mother died too, whether from inhalation of vomit, a stroke, kidney failure or liver

ous care, eclamptic fits are now rare but they still kill a thousand babies and seven mothers a year.

of safety drills and admission to hospital for any mother showing potential signs of serious trouble. In the past eclampsia was comparatively common. In 1959, British Obstetric Practice gave the incidence of as one in 600 births, and the authors felt this represented a huge advance. The ritual anten tests are expensive in terms of lives saved, possibly a factor in today's accountancy led medicine, but the horror of read them.

At every antenatal visit, the from columpsia, and the sadthat could have been averted. cannot be fed into any credit and debit account.

Professor Christopher Redman of Oxford University has denounced any move to reduce antenatal care. Those who remember eclamptic fits in the past will support him.

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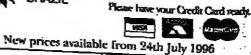
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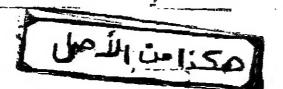


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# Thieves take couple's memento of SAS son

THE ailing mother of an SAS soldier killed in action pleaded yesterday for burglars to re-turn her last memento of her son. The diamond, silver and enamel brooch in the shape of the SAS winged dagger cap badge was made for Elizabeth Ciarthwaite after her son Simon, a captain in the elite regiment, was killed in action in Oman in 1974.

It was among antique silverware and jewellery valued at £100,000 stolen from the home of Mrs Garthwaite, 78, and her husband. Peter, So, at the weekend. The elderly couple, who need sticks to walk, were attacked and field up by three masked men who spent an

hour ransacking the house. Police said that if Mrs Garthwaite had not struggled free and helped her husband to raise the alarm, they might not have been discovered until today, when the vicar was due

to call. In spite of their trauma, the couple appeared at a press publicise the incident in the hope of catching the burglars. Mrs Garthwaite, a former



Captain Garthwaite: died in action in Oman

peny officer in the Wrens who suffers from Parkinson's discase and is recovering from a broken hip, said: "I just want the things back, especially the brooch. My husband had it made specially in memory of

Colleagues of their son said he should have been recom-mended for a posthumous VC for his attempt to rescue a wounded Arab soldier during a gun battle with rebels in the Mirbat desert region, but there were not enough witnesses to corroborate the report. Known to the soldiers of

Noble One", Captain Garthwaite was regarded with almost mystical reverence by the Arab troops, who were prepared to follow his orders without question. A passage in the unofficial hist-ory of the SAS, Who Dares Wins, describes how Captain able at formal Army events but was at his best out in the desert with just his fatigues

and weapon. His father, a former lieutenant-colonel with the Royal Indian Engineers who fought the Japanese in Burma in the Second World War, said he had nothing but contempt for the men who attacked them at about 9pm on Saturday as they watched television at their home near Ampleforth, North Yorkshire.

"I suddenly saw this man in a mask and a boiler suit with gloves standing at the drawing-room door. I was surprised but not frightened. We both remained calm and just waited for them to get on with what they wanted to do. We are Yorkshire-born and bred, which counts for something, and we have a strong Chris-

Police believe one of the raiders had entered through a window and let the others in through a back door. They handcuffed Mr Garthwaite and took away their sticks before two of the intruders searched the house.

Mr Garthwaite, who suffered a stroke some years ago. said: "Every draw, every cupboard was turned out on the floor, our bedroom was ransacked and all of the papers in my study were strewn everywhere. They searched my wife to see if she was wearing any ewellery. They took the watch off her wrist but decided not to take her rings. They did not assault us but one of them was pretty foul-mouthed. They just told us 'Keep quiet and nothing will happen to you"."

Before the thieves fled, they used a leather strap to tie Mrs Garthwaite's hands but she struggled free and managed to cross the room to retrieve their walking sticks. "We got to the window and my husband shouted for help," she said. The farmer next door was checking his sheep. When they started bleating he looked to see what was wrong,



Peter and Elizabeth Garthwaite: attacked at home

#### Action in Oman was regiment's finest hour By MICHAEL EVANS

THE area where Captain Garthwaite died was the location of one of the most legendary SAS actions. The small town of Mirbat, flanked on two sides by the sea, was home for the so-called British Army

On July 18, 1972, more than 250 Marxist guerrillas of the Dhofar Liberation Front launched an attack as part of their war against the Sultan of Oman and his British advisers. Facing them were the SAS men. 30 lightly armed Askaris from northern Oman, and 25 men from the gendarmerie. They held the town until

reinforcements arrived. During the fierce battle, two SAS men were killed and two seriously injured. The guerril-las retreated, losing at least 30 dead. The battle demonstrated to the counter-guerrillas that SAS men were prepared to die for them. On April 12, 1974, Captain Garthwaite was killed trying to rescue a man pinned down by enemy fire in the Mirbat desert region.



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#### Young says children should walk to school blue whale

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE sharp decline in the number of pupils cycling and walking to school is creating a generation of unfit and cardependent children. Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday.

The proportion of junior school children who travelled to classes unsupervised had fallen from 80 per cent to 10 per cent in 20 years. Parents had to be persuaded that it was safe to let their children make their own way to school, as they had done 20 years before, Sir George told a conference in London.

school runs by parents in the morning was one of the Government's transport priorities. he said. The journeys accounted for 15 to 20 per cent of morning rush-hour traffic.

Sir George said that children who were always driven to and from school suffered a loss of independence, had less opportunity to develop road sense and had less exercise. "By encouraging children to walk, cycle and use public transport to get around there is a greater likelihood of these modes being accepted as nor-mal and desirable forms of

transport in later life." he said.

He recognised that parents
were worried about accidents. pollution and abduction, and said new initiatives must not alienate them. A survey of 10,000 pupils found that up to 40 per cent wanted to cycle to school but less than 10 per cent were allowed to by their

#### Japanese eat meat from rare

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

MEAT from the world's biggest and most endangered animal, the blue whale, is on sale in Japanese supermar-

kets, scientists said yesterday. Undercover researchers us ing genetic fingerprinting said illegal trade in rare and endangered whale species. They were being killed in defiance of international agreements and sold to shops and restau-rants in the Far East.

The researchers, backed by the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the Whale and Dolphin Conservation So ciety and Earthtrust. found that almost every species of whale, including humphack, fin. Bryde's, Baird's and Cuiver's, are available, along with at least seven species of dolphin and porpoise.

DNA tests from two samples indicated they were from a blue whale, a protected species whose numbers are now fewer than 5,000 animals.

The findings, by researchers including Dr Scott Baker of the University of Auckland, and Dr Frank Cipriano of the University of Hawaji, were presented at the International Whaling Commission meet-ing in Aberdeen yesterday. They will intensify opposition to whaling by Japan and Norway, who claim they are catching only the small minke whales. Norway has exempted itself from the worldwide whaling moratorium and Japan continues to carry out socalled scientific whaling.

#### Camera's long-shot

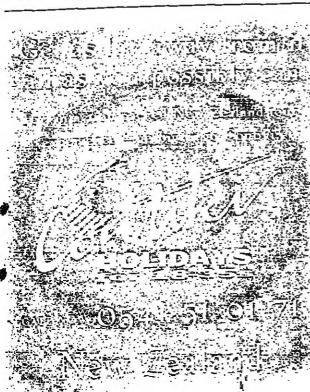
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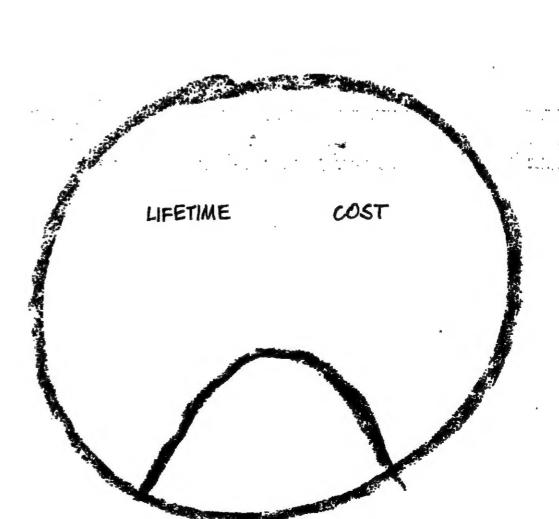
(Lin Jenkins writes). Marshall Smith an avid beachcomber from the Shetland Islands, found it in February on the uninhabited

island of Hascosay. "I saw the corner of it among the flotsam and jet- and Sea Motor Marine cam-

nearly green," he said. As he fiddled with the camera it took a picture. He took the film to be developed and a friend put details on the

Internet. Two days ago Mr Smith got a call from Tony Thrower in Norwich after he read about the find in The Diver. a magazine for enthusiasts. He lost the Japanese-made Sea sam, so I kicked it thinking it era last July while diving nine was just a piece of plastic. It miles off Mundesley.





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# Hi-tech cheats use supermarket cards to fake credit sales

By Stewart Tendler, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

FRAUDSTERS are gaining unexpected bargains from the supermarket loyalty cards, police said yesterday. They are being reprogrammed with stolen details of bank accounts for use as fake "swipe cards" at petrol stations and phone boxes, where PIN numbers are not

required.
Millions of the new cards are being offered to shoppers in the competition between supermarkets. In the past week, two million Sainsbury's customers have been given the new Reward cards. Tesco has

more than 6.5 million holders. The fraud involves the use of £700 card-encoding machines. The method is widely available through the Internet and police admit that they are powerless to stop information being circulated in this way. Computer-literate teenagers are believed to be involved.

The encoding machines alter the black magnetic strip on the back of the card and insert a genuine account number and expiry date bought on the black market. Account details could be gathered from a purchase receipt or from a crooked retailer.

The fake cannot be used in a shop, but it can be used for automatic machines which accept credit cards. They could also be accepted by crooked retailers claiming they thought the cards were

If the forgers manage to get access to a PIN number, they can use cash points to take money from victims' accounts. The encoding machines are also being used by fraudsters to change the numbers on their own credit cards so that transactions are credited to someone else's account.

Losses to banks and other credit card companies from all forms of counterfeit cards are put at more than E7 million a year. Detective Sergeant Peter Rowan, of the West Midlands Police fraud squad , said:

on filthy battery farms' "Last month alone credit card

£4 billion, so the potential for

sensitive information, includ-

ing addresses and dates of birth, could fetch £1,000.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said many types of cards could be altered and

abuse of the loyalty cards was

not regarded as a great threat.

Tesco said it would introduce

a system to detect when details

on a magnetic strip differed

The Association for Pay-

ment Clearing Services, which

represents card-issuing com-panies, said that by 1998 a new

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£60 million comes from card

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plastic card fraud is huge."

**Puppies** 

'raised

NEW laws are needed to stop purchases in the UK topped the "evil trade" at unlicensed puppy farms, animal welfare groups said yesterday. Bitch-An account number and expiry date for a credit card es are kept in appalling conditions and forced to breed as could be bought on the black market for about £20. More though they were battery machines, they said.

Some estimates suggest that as many as 70,000 pup-pies a year are raised unlaw-fully and kept in damp, cold, cramped and excrementpens before being sold at a huge profit. A single litter can fetch £3,000 or more. Snatched from their mothers when less than six weeks old, puppies often develop behavioural problems and carry diseases and genetic deformities from bitches forced to

breed endlessly.

Some of the puppies are transported in small containers over long distances and may end in small cages in the Far East with false Kennel Club accreditation, a report



A boxer bitch kept in cramped and miserable conditions on a puppy farm and made to breed litter after litter

Roger Gale, MP, who chaired the puppy-farming working group, said: "Quite simply, some of the conditions on these unlicensed farms are inhumane and this is a vile

'I suspect people would be horrified if they knew the exploitation and cruelty behind their purchase." The report, which is being sent to ministers, suggests that in west Wales alone there are at least 290 illegal kennels, more than half the total. The area has become notorious for Calcutta." unlicensed breeding, partly One of the main changes to because dairy farmers needed to diversify after quotas limit-

ed their milk production. An RSPCA video shows two puppy farms in Wales in a filthy and ramshackle condition. At one farm, puppies

were found huddled in the dark on a floor covered with compacted excrement. Rohan Barker of the RSPCA said: "It resembled a black hole of

the law being sought is to give breeders their yearly licence only after premises have been inspected by a vet. rather than by planning offi-cers. A breeding establish-

ment should be defined as premises where more than two bitches are kept for breeding the report says. Many breeders keep a large number of bitches but avoid the need to be licensed by claiming that

only two are for breeding.
Clarissa Baldwin of the
National Canine Defence League said: "This is no way to treat the nation's favourite

#### Six held over death of tourist

Police hunting the killers of a German tourist who was shot dead in a hotel robbery arrested six people in a series of raids yesterday. Johanna Czardebon. 56, was shot as she sat drinking coffee with her husband in a Bedford hotel last month.

Police said officers executed search warrants at a number of addresses in the Bedford area. A spokesman said: "The purpose of the warrants is to arrest people involved in a series of robberies in the Bedford area in the past few months and to search and recover property from those robberies." The raids involved 94 officers.

#### Gang victim dies

A Northern Irish tennis international who was attacked by a gang outside a pub has died in hospital. Gareth Parker, 23, was hit by a passing car as he lay in the road after the attack in Belfast at the weekend. He had severe head injuries.

#### Workers cleared

Two decorators accused of blackmailing a woman over an unpaid bill were cleared by an Old Bailey jury. Carlton Gayle. 33. of Clapton, east London, and Duncan Murphy. 32, of Tottenham, were said to have held a gun to her head.

#### L-strike off

Driving examiners' strikes due tomorrow and Friday have been called off after a deal over pay and conditions. Thousands of learners who faced postponed tests will now avoid the written section which starts on Monday.

#### Charlton fined

Jack Charlton was fined £30 by Hexham magistrates after being caught fishing without a licence near his home in Dalton, Northumberland. The former football manager has appeared in advertisements promoting licences.

#### Chester moves on

Charlie Chester, the 82-yearold broadcaster who is unable to walk or speak after a stroke seven months ago, has left hospital in Canterbury for a Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund home in Twickenham. southwest London.

#### Big-game hunt

A police helicopter with heatseeking equipment is to comb the Oxfordshire countryside after a man said he saw a big cat resembling a lioness while out walking near Berrick Salome. A nearby farm has reported lost lambs.

#### ENEWS IN BRIEF Long-term jobless advised to start own businesses

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE long-term unemployed should work for themselves instead of job hunting if they want to escape the dole queue, lished today. Self-employment is more secure than full-time or part-time employment for

The number of self-em-ployed has grown faster in Britain than in any other European country since the mid-1970s; soaring by 80 per cent in two decades to 14 per

cent of the workforce. At the same time, the proportion of people moving directly from unemployment to self-employment has more than doubled, the report shows. Forty per cent of self-employed workers were previ-

ously unemployed. "Our findings cast doubt on the assertion that self-employment is a marginal, insecure form of work, at least among those entering it from longterm unemployment," says the independent Policy Studies Institute, which studied 2,200

people for 30 months. It was often the marketable unemployed, with better work histories and qualifications, who became self-employed, particularly in a buoyant labour market, the report shows. Men were likely to have good work records and women to be qualified.

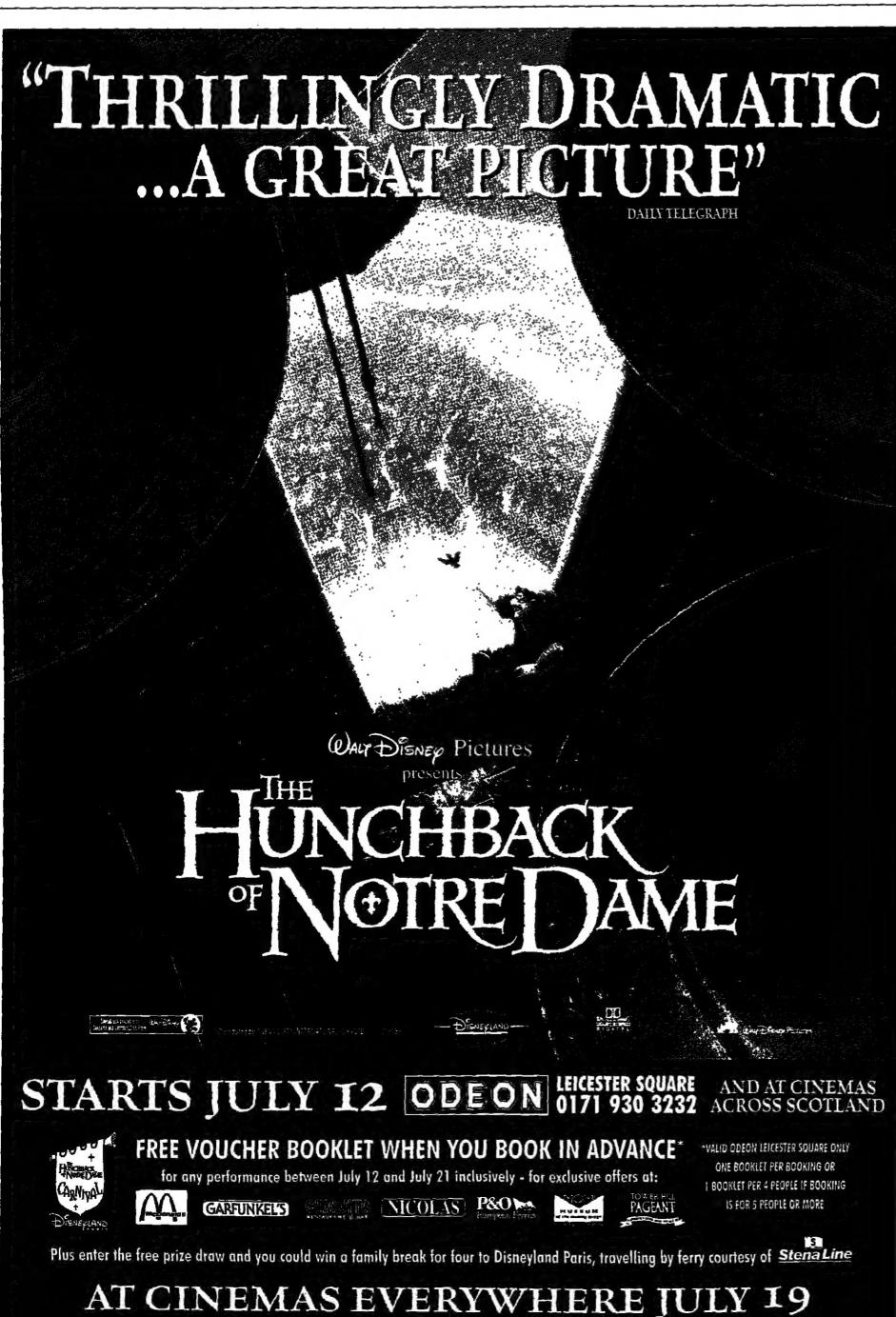
A degree proved a liability to the self-employed. Graduates earned 44 per cent less than the unqualified. The only qualifications which added to incomes were those below Olevel standard.

The most valuable possession was a driving licence. although a wife was also helpful as a source of free labour, and a house for financial security.

Men were attracted to selfemployment by hopes of high-er wages but did not earn any more than people in full-time employment. The self-employed earned more than part-timers but self-employed women earned less than full-

The Department of Social Security, which commissioned the report, said it would continue to encourage people into self-employment using the benefit system.

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Canberra went to v

BY MICHAEL EVANS, I

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The Great White Whale

launch and became known affectionately as the Great White Whale. The image of the cruise ship was transformed when the Government made the dramatic decision to requisition Canberra as a troop-carrying vessel for the Falklands and later as a hospital ship during the fighting. Less than a week after cruising in the Mediterranean she was off to war. with swimming pools boarded

Atlantic on Good Friday, April 9, 1982, packed with more than 3,000 marines and paratroopers and the Band of Comman-

do Forces, Royal Marines, to entertain the troops. When she sailed home to Southampton in July 1982, filled once again with troops, she was greeted by thousands of people waving flags and cheering in one of the most emotional scenes ever

would end her career on final round-the-world voyage September. She has sailed and carried nearly a million cruise passengers. Canberra will be replaced by the 63,500tonne Star Princess, to be renamed Arcadia.

between January and April and a Mediterranean cruise in more than three million miles



agrees with him or not. The likelihood is that even if

all goes according to plan -

the inquiry has slipped at least

a year behind the original estimate — it will be close to the turn of the century before BAA knows whether it can

By the time the fifth termi-

nal is fully operational, about

2016, BAA hopes that at least half the 30 million passengers

who will then be using the

airport will arrive by rail. The Terminal Five platform will be

alongside the check-in area.

In the meantime, an aver-

age of 12 expensive lawyers,

together with a handful of

witnesses and local people, sit

and listen to the arguments.

They are now on topic three, the detailed plans. There are

ten topics and up to 2,500 possible witnesses. The best

estimates are that the inquiry

will have cost well over £10

million by the time it ends.

the airport owner BAA, and days after it started, the public millions of international busiinquiry into the building of a fifth terminal at Heathrow ness passengers say that the El billion terminal, which will airport learnt for the first time double Heathrow's capacity. yesterday what it could actualis essential if Britain is to remain the hub for travellers The architect John Young. from around the world headof the Richard Rogers Partnership, unveiled a portfolio of

"One of my guiding principles

has been to design a contem-

porary equivalent of the great

19th-century railway stations

which added a heroic element

to travel by a breathtaking use

His evidence, presented to

an almost empty hall in the

Ramada Hotel at the start of

the 162nd day, was the high-

light of an inquiry that seems

certain to drag on until the end

of next year. It is likely to be

the longest, costliest and most

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High-rise

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Windsor

BY MARCUS BINNEY PASSENGERS at the new Terminal Five at the west end of Heathrow's runway could

stand view of Windsor Castle. The proposed departure con-course is 20 metres above ground level, higher than any existing British terminal.

of lese-majeste by blighting views from the castle, the

architect John Young may

improve them. He says the

bulk of the terminal would be

shielded by a series of luxuri-

antly planted car parks stepped up in tiers towards the

The architects have also sought to soften the bulk of the

design, which rises to a height of 40 metres and measures

400 by 250 metres. A wave-

form roof oversails the glass

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ing into Europe. Without it, they say, London's position as drawings and computer gen-erated images that looked not a centre of finance and commerce will dwindle and major unlike a railway station. He admitted that the soaring airlines such as British Air-ways could be forced out. glass domes of stations rangleaving Heathrow to become ing from Grand Central in no more than a regional New York to Brighton had all airport feeding passengers to a influenced the plans. centre on the Continent. Mr Young told the inquiry:

Rubbish, say local authorities and protest groups. They intolerable noise, overcrowded roads but no more jobs, and would destroy the environment while giving nothing to

Britain. Listening to the arguments alongside Heathrow's main runway is Roy Vandermeer, OC. So far the inquiry has stretched over the past 13 months and he predicts that it will be another 18 months at least before the last of the hundreds of witnesses have been heard. He will take another year to produce his report and the Government will take another six months at



The control tower: 85 metres high

M25, the roof of the terminal will be visible, floating above a

plateau of landscaping."
The roof would be likely to have a silver grey or pewter finish, with four wide bands of continuous rooflights bringing daylight to all parts of the

Passengers arriving by pub-lic transport would make a stately ascent up banks of open escalators which have been a feature of other Rogers buildings - notably the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Lloyd's building in London with views across the largest internal atrium that the Richard Rogers Parmership has Mr Young says: "From the moment a traveller leaves the

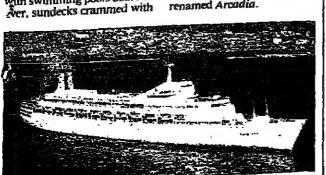
#### Canberra, liner that went to war, retires

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

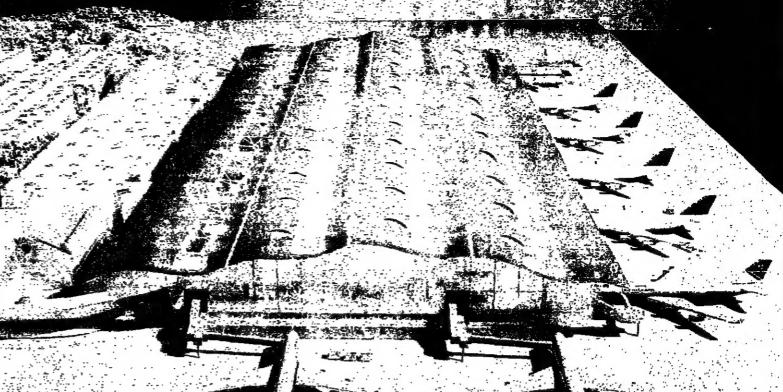
boxes of ammunition, and two THE SS Canberra cruise liner A which, with the QE2, ferried helicopter pads installed.

Canberra left for the South thousands of British troops to the Falklands in 1982, is to end her sailing days next year. Canberra's demise as a cruise ship was announced by P&O Cruises. After 36 years' service, the 44,807-tonne ship may be turned into a floating hotel or visitor centre, or scrapped. Built at a cost of £17

> P&O Cruises said Canberra September 30 next year after a



The "Great White Whale" cost £17 million to build



The new terminal, which will double Heathrow's capacity, was designed as "a contemporary equivalent of the great 19th-century railway stations'



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# Shephard to make every school consider selection

By John O'Leary and David Charter

ALL comprehensive schools will be required to consider the introduction of selective admission policies annually as part of the Government's drive to increase choice in state education.

A new breed of specialist schools, concentrating on sport and the arts, will also be encouraged to help parents to find a school to suit their children's talents.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, told MPs that legislation to be introduced in the autumn would clear the way for more selective schools and give comprehensives freedom to establish grammar streams without local authority or ministerial approval.

Under plans published in a White Paper yesterday, Grantmaintained schools will be able to select 50 per cent of their pupils, specialist colleges 30 per cent, and local authority comprehensives 20 per cent. Governors of secondary schools will be required to make an annual decision on whether to introduce selection.

But Mrs Shephard said there would be no return to a two-tier system of grammar schools and secondary moderns. Comprehensive schools would be encouraged to play to their strengths and specialise in a variety of areas. Sports and arts colleges, which would cover the performing arts, the fine arts, media, and technology, would run on the same lines as the language and technology schools already established by the Government.

The White Paper also contains proposals to increase opting out. Grant-maintained schools will be allowed to expand by up to 50 per cent if they are over-subscribed, although additional funding will be available only in areas of rising population.

In such areas, the Funding Agency for Schools will be empowered to establish new GM (grant-maintained) schools even if few others have opted out. At present, the agency can make proposals on school admissions only when



Grant-maintained schools will be free to select half their

Local authority schools will be able to select one in five pupils Up to 75 schools are to specialise in sport or the arts next year

☐ All comprehensives must consider selection annually ☐ Popular grant-maintained schools will be allowed to expand rolls by 50 per cent The Funding Agency for Schools can build schools in

□ Grant-maintained school to be given freedom to oper nurseries or sbith forms □ Local authorities must pass on 95 per cent of education budgets to

10 per cent of pupils are in ed-out schools.

Future ballots on opting out will be scrutinised by independent monitors. The new ballot observers are intended to cut the number of votes contested after claims of abuse in the often bitter local campaigns.

Local authority schools will also acquire greater self-gov-errument. Education authorities will have to delegate 95 per cent of school budgets to their governors, rather than the present 85 per cent.

Although legislation will not be possible until an after an election, the Department for Education and Employment said the move would give schools an extra £600 million, or £100 per pupil, to spend as they wished. Labour is also committed to increasing the proportion of funds delegated Mrs Shephard said that her

proposals would raise standards by securing the best possible match between what schools offered and what parents wanted. In future, towns might have a grammar school, a specialist college, and a comprehensive existing side by side. She accused opposition parties of supporting an out-dated, monolithic education system, while the Government offered parents

But Labour said only one

grammar schools, while others were consigned to secondary moderns. Far from giving parents greater choice, the effect would be to allow

schools to choose their pupils. Methods of selection, both in the new grammar schools and in grammar streams, will be a matter for local discretion. The City Technology Colleges Trust has commissioned research to produce tests of aptitude for specialist colleges. Academic selection will be by test or interview.

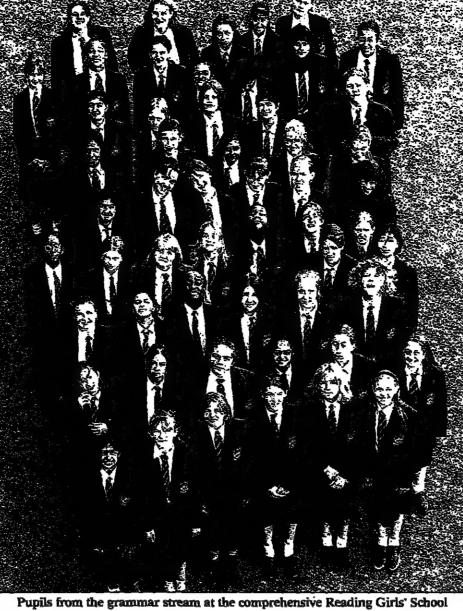
Head teachers and teacher unions had nothing but condemnation for the selection proposals. Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Vision of The Control of the National Vision of The Control of the National Vision of The Control of ional Union of Teachers, said: "Parents will be denied a place when their child is rejected by the school of their choice Schools will choose the children they believe will improve their league table positions. This crazy proposal will mean children denied a place at their local school will have to travel

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "It is deeply damaging to chop and change the structure of the education service at every generation. The priority should be to make the present overwhelmingly comprehen-sive system work as well as it can. Privately Gillian Shephard must be hoping she will never have to implement any of the zany ideas put forward in the White Paper."

The Secondary Heads Association said that the document was a "muddled compromise" that would lead to a haphazard and incoherent pattern of schools and do nothing to raise standards. John Dunford, the president, said: There is no research evidence to support this policy. It is based on a political philoso-

phy, not on the reality of the current situation. The National Association of Head Teachers said that sink schools and a rising underclass would be created by more selection.

Simon Jenkins, page 20 Leading article, page 21



## Pioneering comprehensive welcomes bigger challenge

By David Charter AND JOHN O'LEARY

THE first comprehensive school in the country to introduce a grammar school stream yesterday welcomed the chance to increase its

number of bright pupils.
The Reading Girls' School, formerly Southlands, caused a stir in 1993 when it won approval to admit 30 pupils a year by examination. Far from opening the floodgates of a return to academic selection, as many predicted, just five more grant-maintained schools have followed its

About 100 girls take tests in November to try for a place in the selective stream the following September. The girls

school to place them in ability sets for every subject. The sets are reviewed annually.

In 1992, just 14 per cent of the girls achieved five or more grades A to C at GCSE. By 1995, this had risen to 19 per cent, but the school is hoping for a bigger improvement when the first selective year takes GCSEs in 1998.

Clare Hallows, head teacher, denied that partial selection had diluted the school's comrehensive ethos. "We are fully comprehensive." she said. "We have girls of all ability levels, from the extremely bright to those with learning difficulties."

In Penrith, Cumbria, the first grant-maintained comprehensive to become a grammar school is thriving but the scars of the selection debate are still visible. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School re-gained its status two years ago after an acrimonious dispute.

The neighbouring Ullswa-ter Community College com-plained that it would become a secondary modern school in all but name, and 70 people and organisations made formal objections to the change. The grammar school believes opinion is shifting many who opposed the change remain

Colin Birnie, the head teacher, said: "The system works well here, but I would not advise everybody to jump on the handwagon. It will not necessarily be appropriate in other towns.

# Head teachers examine new option with great caution

By Kyle Smith, John O'Leary and David Charter

transformed by the comprehensive revolution in the 1960s and 1970s showed little appetite yesterday for a return to selective status.

More than 1,100 grammars disappeared after Labour decided in 1965 to create comprehensive schools in every town. In England 162 grammar schools remain. Scotland and Wales have none.

Some chose to become independent or direct-grant schools to maintain their tradition of selection, but most became comprehensives or

sixth-form colleges.

Martin Roberts, head teacher of The Cherwell School in Oxford, which became comprehensive 23 years ago, said: We're the sort of school that the Government would like to move, but we definitely won't." He said that the White Paper proposals were "so distant from anything that should be national priorities. It is absolutely lunatic."

King Edward VII School, once Sheffield's most famous grammar school, has no wish to return to selection. Michael Lewis, the head teacher, said: We think that the issue is the challenge of educating all our children to the highest possible levels, and we cannot see how these proposals will achieve that."

At Hinchingbrooke School in Huntingdon, parents rejected selection when consulted recently. Peter Downes, the head teacher, said parents wanted to retain a wide spread of ability in the school.

However, Chris Penter, head of the grant-maintained Fairfield High School for Girls in Droylsden, said that the comprehensive would consider reverting to its pre-1975 grammar status. "Certainly there is a heavy demand in the local area." Geoffrey Fallows, head of

he Camden School for Girls in London, a grammar until 1976, said that it chose five children on the basis of their aptitude for music but had no plans for further selection. The Greycoat School in

London, a comprehensive

FORMER grammar schools since 1979, is oversubscribed but does not select on the basis of ability. Flavia Lambert, the acting deputy head, said: "All we are concerned about is having an equal number across the ability range."

Ken Williams, head of Marlwood School in Gloucestershire, a comprehensive since 1972, said he would resist even partial selection. "Times have moved on. Our community - our customers, if you will - would not want us to revert to grammar school status."

The City of Leicester School. a comprehensive since 1976, opposes selection. Bryan Lewis, the head, said: "I. am satisfied we have a comprehensive school here that embraces all types, sizes, shapes, colours, and we are the better for it.

Kevin McAleese, head of Harrogate Grammar School, said it was likely to remain comprehensive, as it has been since 1973, because of the demands of parents.

There was no interest in selection at The King James's School in Knaresborough. North Yorkshire, the grant-maintained Bingley Grammar School, or Bellevue Boys School in Bradford. All three have been comprehensives for at least 20 years.

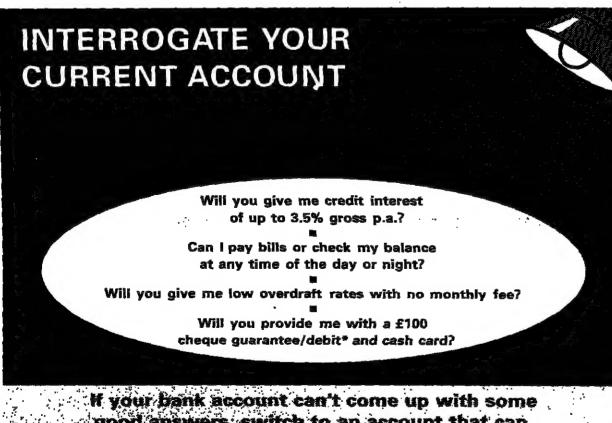
Ann Gregory, deputy head The Hillerest School, Birmingham, a grammar un-til 1973, said: "We are very successful as a comprehensive school and very committed to comprehensive education."

Priory School, in Portsmouth, Hampshire, was The Porismouth Southern Grammar School for Girls until turning comprehensive 21 years ago. Bryan Davies, head teacher, said: "One or two governors may regret the passing of the grammar schools but the majority view. comprehensive."

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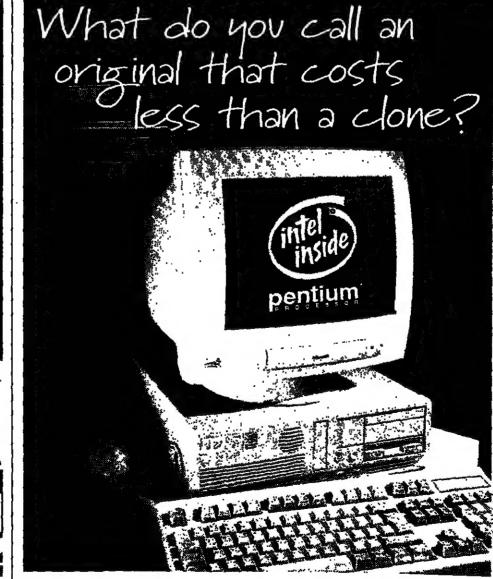
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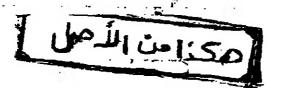
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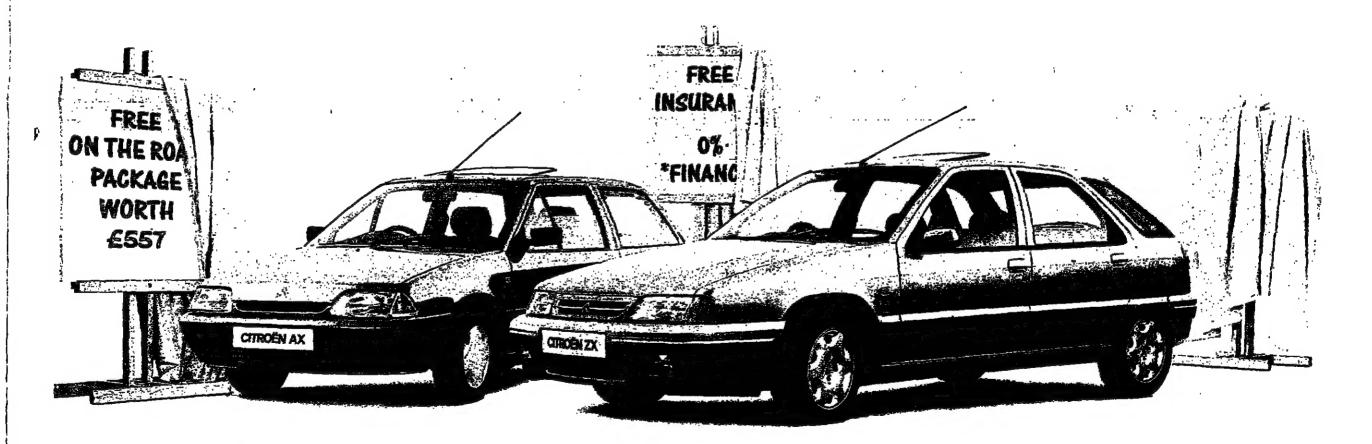
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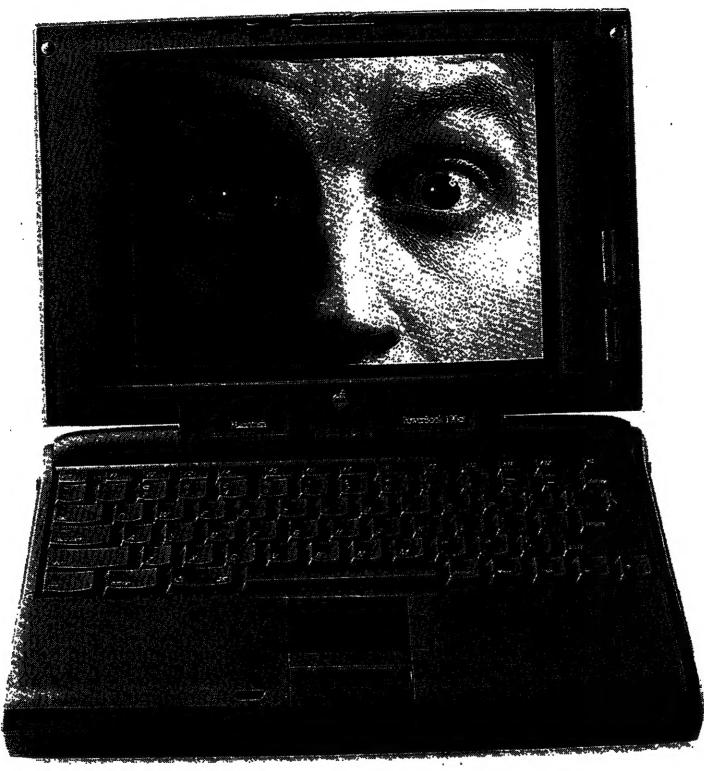
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# Blair says he is prepared to press nuclear button

By Michael Evans and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR confirmed yes-terday that he would be prepared to authorise a nuclear

Announcing the foreign policy and defence strategy to be adopted by a Labour govern-ment. Mr Blair said he would retain the four-boat Trident hallistic missile force and that he would not shrink from using it. He described the responsibility as "awesome".

At a press conference, the Labour leader was asked under which circumstances would he authorise the use of nuclear weapons. He replied: These are enormously difficult decisions but yes, you have to envisage circumstances in which your nuclear deterrent can be used, but I don't think it is ever sensible for a Prime Minister to spell out those circumstances."

He said that a Labour government would carry on working for nuclear disarmament, but added: "I believe in retaining our nuclear capability. That is important while we have a nuclear threat in the rest of the world. Later Robin Cook, Shadow

Foreign Secretary, who was unce a member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), told BBC Radio he was relieved that he would not have to decide whether to launch a nuclear attack. However, he said: There is no point in retaining Trident if you say you are not going to press the button under any circumstances, and therefore the answer that was given this morning is a perfectly under-

standable and correct one." When enough progress had been made towards global disarmament, a Labour government would be willing to include Britain's Trident into multinational negotiations, he

in a foreign policy and desence document, A Fresh Start for Britain, Labour's Strategy for Britain in the Modern World, Labour accused the Government of failing to rise to the challenges of the post-Culd War era. The series of defence cuts had resulted in the "creation of a damaging gap between com-

Mr Blair declined, however,

be prepared to cut back on commitments or capabilities to help the overstretched Armed Forces. He did not want to prejudge the findings of the strategic defence review that Labour would set up soon after taking office.

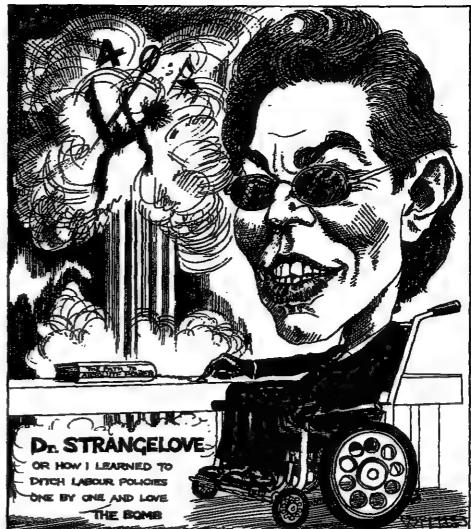
Yesterday Mr Blair also promised to restore Britain's credibility in Europe by end-ing the Tory slide towards isolationism" and adopting a more positive attitude. But he emphasised that he would take a "hard-headed" look at the economic practicalities of joining a single currency. He reiterated that the public would be consulted either through a referendum or through a general election.

That commitment, however, was omitted from the party's policy document and Mr Blair refused to confirm whether it would appear in the election

Mr Cook performed a similar balancing act. "We don't know whether the question will arise in the next Parliathat," he said. "It is premature to judge whether it would be decided by a general election. The test of whether or not Britain is ready to sign up to EMU must be based on convergence in the real eco-nomic world, including industrial output, investment in skills and training."

Mr Blair renewed Labour's promise to adopt the EU's social chapter of workers' rights and said that he would consider extending qualified majority voting into areas such as social, industrial, regional and environmental policy. But the policy document makes clear that this would not include areas relating to taxation or social security. A national veto would also be maintained on foreign policy, external border controls and

treaty changes, Under the Tories, Britain had lost influence and been increasingly marginalised not only in Europe, but also in the other international bodies to which we belong", he said. They have no proper idea of Britain's place in the world and they are sliding



#### **Sceptics** demand Tory rule changes

By James Landale

EURO-SCEPTIC Tory MPs demanded an overhaul of party rules yesterday to give ocal associations greater influence over government poli-cy at the annual conference. The MPs said that ministers must be forced to listen to the party membership. Their call for what would be an extraordinary change in the method of Tory policymaking came as research showed that the rank and file are growing

more Euro-sceptic.

Martin Ball, who did the research for the anti-Europe Bruges Group, accused Con-servative Central Office of rigging the party conference to block debates on the EU. John Wilkinson, MP for Ruislip-Northwood, said the party sought to avoid dissent by choosing only bland mo-tions. "Conference debates should be a mechanism for influencing party policy," Christopher Gill, MP for point at which the members of the party will not accept the

#### **Major and Straw** to join battle on constitution

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE battle for Britain's con- surreptitiously introduced stitution will begin today when John Major and Jack Straw deliver speeches setting out their party's positions on devolution and the House of

The Prime Minister has become convinced that the constitution is one of the few areas on which the Tories are united and on which there is clear blue water between the

In a speech tonight to the right-wing Centre for Policy Studies. Mr Major will warn the voters that if they elect Tony Blair Britain will be assemblies. He will say that the plans would also give more power to Brussels.

He will argue that Labour's proposals to turn the House of Lords into an elected chamber are "shambolic" and will succeed only in creating a giant quango. He will also give warning that Parliament could be bogged down by messy constitutional Bills for

He will explain that Britain's constitution is the envy of countries around the world and that it would be dangerous to tinker with it. He will also reject the idea of a written constitution or a new Bill of Rights that would shift more power to the judiciary, saying: I do not believe we can enshrine the British conception of freedom in a single piece of legislation."

But he will propose further reforms to the working of Parliament, including the introduction of two-year sessions.

Mr Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, will retaliate with a speech to the constitutional reformists at Charter 88. He will say that the Tories, far from acting as guardians, have failed to safeguard the constitution. Instead they have

substantial shift of power from the regions to Westminster, quangos and privatised companies. He will also call for a freedom of information Act and an independent national statistical service that cannot be manipulated by

Labour's plans have been criticised by a group of expert constitutionalists as illthought-out. The Constitution Unit, which published reports yesterday on the implications of devolution in Scotland. Wales and the regions, suggested that Mr Blair's proposmakes fundamental changes.

The unit, which is independently funded, admitted that there was a powerful body of feeling for devolution especially in Scotland and that proposals for a Scottish parliament were "perfectly viable". But it was more critical of plans for Wales and the regions.

Their reports say that Labour would probably have to reduce the number of Scottish and Welsh MPs in Westminster and should scrap the positions of Welsh and Scottish Secretaries of State. They criticise the proposals for Wales saying that without lawmaking powers the assembly would be ineffectual.

On the English regions, the unit says that there is little demand for directly elected regional government. Labour's plans to start with indirectly elected regional chambers need "more flesh on their bones" and the party would have to commit itself to legislation.

Goerge Robertson, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, said: "Labour's proposals are sensible, practical and democratic. They will be good for the State and bind Britain together rather than drive it apart."

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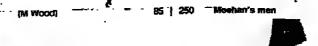
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#### Queen's birthday shift by

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

colony

NEXT year's Hong Kong celebration of the Queen's birthday has been moved back two weeks because of the Chinese takeover of the colony. It will be on June 28, instead of June 16, becoming part of the changeover festivities.

Hong Kong's 1997 holidays, announced by the Government yesterday, give a clue to the upheaval ahead. July I will mark "Hong Kong returning to China, Special Autonomous Region Establishment Day". August 18 becomes "Sino-Japanese War Victory Day" and October 1. "National Day".

June 28 is "The Birthday of

Her Majesty the Queen, moved "to facilitate community participation in the events surrounding the transition". The very British day injects an element of the past into what will be a pro-Peking weekend. Even more understated is the description of Monday, June 30, the final day of British rule. In the official

the description of Monday, June 30, the final day of British rule. In the official gazette it will be marked as "the Monday following the Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen".

# Lebed purges generals loyal to sacked Grachev

ROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

A call to armchairs

RUSSIA'S new security hoss, Aleksandr Lebed, purged seven generals from the Defence Ministry yesterday in his first big shake-up since being appointed to the Kremlin.

The sackings were a death blow for a clique of men close to the former Defence Minister. Pavel Grachev, who have controlled military policy in Russia for the past four years. Almost all were close allies of the former minister, who was sacked last week, and four of them were named by General Lebed as conspirators in a plot to put forces on high alert and agitate for General Grachev to keep his job.

General Valeri Lapshov. a former classmate of General Grachev. was head of the ministry's apparatus and his right-hand man. General Dmitri Kharchenko was another college friend and his daughter is married to General Grachev's son. Sergei. Two of the other sacked men held senior posts: Viktor Barynkin was No. 2 in the General Staff and Vladimir Shulikov was Deputy Commander of Land Forces

The sackings were also aimed at bringing in the

military vote for President Yeltsin in the second round of the presidential election on July 3. Ordinary soldiers, who respect General Lehed's reputation for honesty, resent the high levels of corruption in the

ation for honesty, resent the high levels of corruption in the Defence Ministry. However, General Lebed has also upset many in the armed forces with a series of

BY RUSSIAN military tra-

dition, the sacked generals will be given handsome

pensions and allowed to

retire in peace (Thomas De

Waal writes). Russia is

thought to have the highest

stormy telegrams and aggres-

sive statements in his first days in office, which have

broken old norms of Sovjet

military etiquette. Much will

now depend on who is made

Defence Minister in succes-

The two favourites are Igor

Rodionov, an old comrade of

General Lebed, who is head of

Staff, and Andrei Nikolayev, the widely respected head of the Russian Border Guards. The appointment of General Rodionov would be controversial as he was in charge of an operation in the Georgian capital, Thillisi, in 1989 in which 20 demonstrators died. General Lebed also met President Yeltsin yesterday to

ing and retired, of any armed forces — more than

2,000. General Grachev has

spent the past week at his

dacha, playing tennis and refusing to talk to the press.

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speediest possible peace settlement. His views appear to coincide with those of Mr Yeltsin, for whom the war has become a millstone. The President has signed a

decree formally ordering Russian troops to start withdrawing from the republic. The Jurie 10 agreement, signed in Nazran, obliges the Russians to pull out all their forces apart from two brigades, by August 31. However, lowintensity fighting has continued.

Vyacheslav Tikhomirov, the Russian commander in Chechenia, has made scornful remarks about the peace deal in recent days, referring to "so-called negotiations" and calling the Chechens "bandits".

General Lebed has said be

General Lebed has said he plans to visit Chechenia after the July 3 elections.

☐ Zyuganov confident: Gennadi Zyuganov said he would beat President Yeltsin in next week's election, despite a cool reception for his plan for a national peace pact and coalition government. "We are sure the result will be in our favour," he told a news conference. "I see people are fired of confrontation." (Reuter)



Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, plays volleyball in Moscow yesterday as his rival in the race for the Kremlin, President Yeltsin, notched up a 20-point poll lead

#### New figures emerge from the shadows to fill power vacuum

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

A WEEK after President Yeltsin sacked his hardline security and intelligence chiefs, several new figures have emerged in the jockeying to fill the enormous power vaccuum left in the heart of the Kremlin.

General Aleksandr Korzhakov. Mr Yeltsin's bodyguard and the chief of the Kremlin security service, and General Mikhail Barsukov, the head of the Federal Intelligence Service (FSB), had occupied two of the most influential positions in Russia before their dismissal- last week, amid allegations of a coupplot.

The man who has most visibly benefited from General Korzhakov's sudden departure is Lieutenant-Colonel Anatoli Kuznetsov, who has now confirmed his position as Mr Yeltsin's personal bodyguard. Throughout the current presidential election campaign the hulking figure of Colonel Kuznetsov has rarely left the Russian leader's side and he has replaced General Korzhakov in the front passenger seat of the presidential limousing

presidential limousine.

Little is known about the broad shouldered young officer except that he was trained by the KGB's Ninth Directorate, responsible for guarding Soviet VIPs, and was handpicked by General Korzhakov.

"Kuznetsov's role has not changed. He has been beside the President for the past two years, but nobody noticed him

because all attention was focused on Korzhakov," said Sergei Medvedev, the Kremlin spokesman. "There is nothing sinister about his work. He is a member of the security services trained to guard the President's life.

Behind the scenes, however, a shift in power may have occurred with the appointment of Lieutenant-General Yuri Krapivin as the acting head of the Kremlin security service, which not only protects the Kremlin leader but has its own commando force, intelligence operation and an analytical centre.

Yesterday General Krapivin, another KGB veteran and Korzhakov protégé, was promoted to membership of a key commission. under the control of General Aleksandr Lebed, the new National Security Adviser, to oversee the appointment of senior officers in the military.

As for the FSB, the successor to the KGB, General Barsukov's position is currently being filled by Lieutenant-General Nikolai Kovalyev. However, his appointment as acting director is already being challenged by Sergei Stepashin, a former FSB chief who was sacked a year ago.

while many Kremlin observers believe it is too early to predict who will benefit from the upheavals, most agree that General Korzhakov could re-emerge after the elections in the centre of power.

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# Murderers reprieved moments from death

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A policeman told a crowd that had come to watch the man's beheading and the woman's execution by firing squad that relatives of their

victims had pardoned them. The Governor of Hael, Prince Mokran ibn-Abdul Aziz, secured the pardons, Okaz said.

Fawwaz ibn-Obeid ibn-Habib al-Shemmari was condemned to death after he was found guilty of murdering a relative. Raya bint SamihanalRashidi was sentenced for killing a boy. Under Islamic law, a victim's father or heirs can grant a pardon. (AFP)

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ISRAEL raised yesterday with War-

ren Christopher, the American Sec-

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that Egypt has recently acquired

Scud missiles and launchers from

North Korea that could be used to

launch conventional or chemical

The fears were raised by David

Levy, the Foreign Minister. They arise from CIA and other intelli-

gence reports that Egypt recently

imported missiles as well as mobile

launching vehicles and material

connected with the manufacture of

Despite 17 years of peace between

Israel and Egypt, there is concern

that the weapons could be turned on

the Jewish state if a regional crisis erupted or if the pro-Western gov-

ernment in Cairo was toppled by

Islamic militants. Israel was the target of more than 30 Scuds fired

by Iraq during the 1991 Gulf War.
The Washington Times disclosed,

based on a CIA report, that after

seven North Korean shipments of

Scud-related materials in March

and April, Egypt could soon start

producing short-range missiles.

Zeev Schiff, an Israell defence

analyst, said that the deal originated

in Eastern Europe, including Slova-

kia, from where the vehicles for the

attacks on the Jewish state.

Scuds from North Korea.

Egypt's Scud imports

put Israel on guard

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

launchers were acquired. "They

were sent to North Korea and after

work was completed, they were sent

to Egypt," he wrote in Haaretz.

The number of launchers request-

ed by Egypt is unknown. Such deals

cause concern within the Israeli

military establishment. They are

proof that Egypt is investing a lot to

He said co-operation between Egypt and North Korea in Scud

production precedes that between

Syria and Pyongyang, another issue worrying Israel. "For quite some

time now Israel has known that Egypt produced Scud Bs with North

Korean aid, but has avoided

publicising the issue," Mr Schiff

said. "In contrast to this, relations

between Syria and North Korea

relations are strained after last

month's election of a right-wing

government in Israel. An emergen-

cy Arab summit in Cairo last

weekend warned Israel that peace in the Middle East would be

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Intelligence experts believe that

the latest transfer of equipment

from North Korea to Egypt is aimed

The charge comes as Arab-Israeli

have been criticised by Israel."

obtain assault weapons."

at boosting domestic Egyptian pro-duction of Scuds. On Israeli tele-

vision, Mr Schiff said the weapons

system was an offensive and not a

defensive one. In Haaretz, he wrote:

"The building of such an assault

capacity will be considered a threat

if a radical Muslim government

takes over in Egypt or if the peace

According to American officials, the transfer of the offensive weapons

could have implications for United

States policy on Egypt. The country

is the second largest recipient of

American aid, receiving about \$2

billion (El.3 billion) a year from

Washington. North Korea has been

promised \$4.5 billion in advanced

nuclear technology and alternate

energy supplies in a deal with America aimed at ending Pyong-yang's nuclear weapons

In a first comment, Nicolas

Burns, the State Department spokesman, said Washington took "very seriously" the reports of the transfer of Scud materials and

would be looking into them. He said

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UNEQUIVOCAL backing from Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, for increased Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank yesterday cast a shadow over attempts by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, to revive the flagging Middle East peace process.

and Gaza Strip - captured from the Arabs in 1967 - as the biblical land of Israel, Mr Netanyahu raised the spectre of renewed clashes between Palestinians and Jewish settlers when he said firmly: You know my positions and the positions of my Government about the unqualified right of the Jewish people to settle in all parts of the Land of Israel. A specific decision on how that settlement policy will be implemented has not been made yet, but it will be in the near future."

Hebrew press 6 The parties reports suggest that Ariel Sharstill want on, the architect peace. They do of Israel's earlier settlement not want a drive, is close to completing nereturn to conflict ? vill enable him to join the Israe-

Cabinet as frastructure. Speaking at a joint press conference after two hours of talks with Mr Christopher — designed to pave the way for Mr Netanyahu's vist to the White House on July 9 - the Israeli leader said renewal of peace talks with the Palestinians was strictly conditional on

But he failed to satisfy American hopes that he would provide a firm commitment to pull Israeli troops out of the West Bank city of Hebron as agreed in the 1993 ceace deal between Israel and he Palestinlans.

We adhere to the principle of honouring agreements by all the parties. We are also aware progress towards peace. depends ... on the security issue. Therefore on Hebron, we have to move forward.

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Israeli security needs being

board his flight to Tel Aviv that he would urge Mr Netanyahu to open lines of contact with Mr Arafat. Mr Netanyahu has said many times that he is not keen to

legislative council and a leading peace negotiator, com-plained: "So far, there are no scheduled meetings between Palestinian and Israeli officials except for military officers. There are no meetings on the political level. This will delay. and freeze the peace process." The point was underlined

> that a senior official in Foreign Ministry suspended anticipation of an investigation into reports that tween Mr Arafat 1

Minister of National In- the Israell Foreign Minister. regarded as one of the more

Mr Christopher was dismissive of last weekend's Arab summit communique, claiming that diversity between the 21 leaders present. ensured that "it is not a useful document for negotiating pur-

the face of the new realties, "It will take some time" to get. talks reopened, Mr Christopher - who never disguised his personal preference for Mr Peres during the election campaign — sought comfort in the fact that both sides sugs procisim they want peads rather than war.

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# German business fears backlash by China over Tibet

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BONN and Peking were yesterday caught up in a political feud that could harm Germany's position as China's main European trading partner. Contracts worth billions of marks are being negotiated and, although each side claimed yesterday that the row would not hurt commerce, there was anxiety here.

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China was angered by a Bundestag resolution last week accusing the Chinese of trying to eradicate Tibet's cultural identity. Peking cancelled an invitation to Klaus Linkel, Germany's Foreign Minister, who was due next month. After some hesitation, Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, told other Cabinet members to call off their trips.

Battle lines appeared to harden yesterday. There is no reason for us to take back anything that we said in the Tibet resolution," a German Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said. "Visits were cancelled and this is clear language."

The ripples have spread through the whole range of Sino-German relations. Senior German army officers cancelled scheduled visits, and President Herzog's November state visit is in doubt. However, the most significant moves concern business. There are signs that the Chinese Embassy is holding up businessmen's visas, and a September conference on small business investment

Bilateral trade stands at

about DM27 billion (about £12 billion) and new German investment has been flooding in over the past two years. Cumulative German investment in China between 1979 and 1993 was only DML5 bil-lion. But in 1994 alone there was investment of DM1.3 billion. So far this year, there have been statements of intent amounting to DM3 billion worth of new investment.

Germany is in a strong position to flex its muscles, Sino-American relations have reached an historic low and at least some of the recent German trade reflects that. The largest German con-

tract in the offing is the DM6 billion BASF plan to build an integrated petrochemical plant in Nanking. with 50 per cent German participation. The company said yesterday there was "currently no reason to fear a setback".

In November 1995, during a visit to China by Herr Kohl, 12 declarations of intent were signed - hailed as a break-.through in relations - and defence ties broken after Tianannien were resumed. The Chinese then assumed human rights issues would take a lower profile.

Bonn, conscious of the need to save China's face, has never called for Tibetan independence. Last week's parliamentary resolution, backed by the Government, came as a shock to China. Moreover, it came after a Tibetan cultural exhibi-

together a war documentary

pened later, when the Yugo

slav Army shifted its attention

declared independence, the

Slovene war was a passage in

minor key. The final death toll was 67, 44 of whom were

Yugoslav soi-

diers. But the

war did matter.

One of the first

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prompted a crisis in the Yugo-

slav Army. Tank columns got

within 19 miles of the capital

and then withdrew; a great

victory was declared. The

issue of ethnic allegiance hung

over the Army and forced

generals to ask whether a

unified Socialist Yugoslavia

was a goal worth fighting for.

European foreign policy crisis. On July 5 Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, then German For-

eign Minister, said that Europe should recognise the

independence of Croatia and

Slovenia. This became part of

A Croatian pop singer penned

a song: Dankeschön Deutsch

catastrophic European Union strategy in the Balkans.

The war also triggered a

from the video footage. Compared to what hap

tion, a well publicised symposium on Tibet and a renewed invitation to the Dalai Lama. Germany, in the Chinese view, seemed to be moving closer to recognising Tibet. Heinrich Weiss, chairman

of the powerful Asian-Pacific economic lobbying group and an industrialist, claims the large number of German-Chinese ventures forces Peking to listen to Bonn, About 100,000 Chinese are employed because of German investments. However, the confederation of German industry sounded a note of panic yesterday when it declared that misunderstandings must not be allowed to damage econom-

Chinu, on the face of it, has more to lose from a lasting trade war because it is the biggest supplier of toys to Germany and exports clothing and electrical products.

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Foreign Minister, centre, surveys the site of a mass grave at Kravice in Bosnian Serb territory where Finnish experts are to collect the remains of Muslims killed when nearby Srebrenica was overron last year. Only a Dig for Bosnia bodies

fraction of the suspected victims may ever be uncovered because of the problems surrounding the task (Eve-Ann Prentice writes). The move to begin excavat-

ing the site comes almost exactly a year after up to 8,000 Muslim boys and men were allegedly murdered by Bosnian Serbs. It also comes

The Hague is to begin hearing evidence against Radovan Karadzie, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, his military chief. It was announced, meanwhile, that Bosnia will hold its first postwar election on September 14.

#### Spanish conqueror felled by vandals

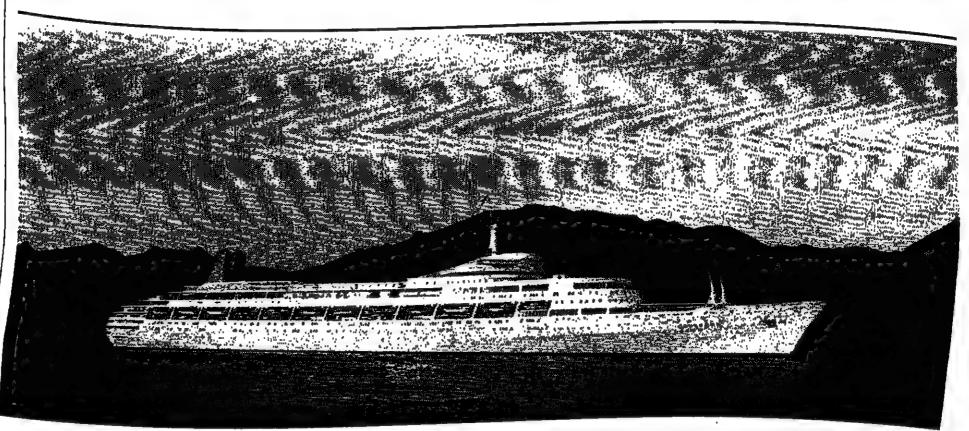
FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

VANDALS have toppled and mutilated the statue of the conquistador Vasco Núñez de Balboa, one of Madrid's bestknown landmarks.

The bronze statue, unveiled in 1953 to mark the 450th anniversary of Balboa's dis-covery of the Pacific Ocean, is prostrate and half-submerged in an ornamental pool, surrounded by empty wine bot-tles. The conquistador's sword-bearing right arm has also been severed from the

body. While Balboa is celebrated in Spain for his New World conquests, he is perhaps more familiar to lovers of English literature as the victim of a spectacular example of poetic

In his On First Looking into Chapman's Homer, John Keats stated that it was "stout Cortez" who first "star'd at the Pacific". Keats immortalised the wrong man. It was, in fact, Balboa who stood with all his men, "silent, upon a peak in



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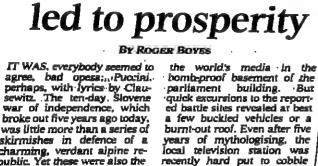
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Slovenes recall

short war that

was little more than a series of skirmishes in defence of a charming, verdant alpine re-public. Yet these were also the initial shots in half a decade of grisly fighting on the southern cusp of Europe, not so much an operetta as the first act of a full blown tragedy. to Croatia which had also

Slovenes celebrated their independence not on the traditional Congress Square in Ljubljana, where in 1918 they had shrugged off Austrian rule, but on Re-

public Square, a soulless stretch of pavement hemmed in by banks, a supermarket and the parliament. As they returned on the city's cobbled streets, the si-

rens blared. In a quavering voice, a radio announcer declared: "The tanks of the Yugoslav Peoples' Army have left their barracks."

In the following days the sirens sounded again and again, as Yugoslav MiGs buzzed the capital. Slovenia is perfect guerrilla country and the Slovene Army showed us models to demonstrate how Yugoslav tank columns could be blocked in the mountain passes. Some 70,000 men, out of a population of barely two million, had been mobilised. Ljubljana had the social structure of Toytown, and the soldiers included fishmongers, bank clerks and bus drivers. The war, we slowly grasped, was being fought for the press. Reports of great military encounters reached

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land. Briefly, very briefly, it topped the local charts. Slovenia, divorced from its southern neighbours, now prospers. Ljubljana is full of exclusive shops; 300 companies have been privatised and another 1,000 will soon follow. The small country has won the highest credit rating in post-Communist Europe Increasingly it is mentioned as one of the first wave entrants to the EU. This week the Slovenes will abandon their factories and celebrate their short ruritanian war.



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which started in the early 1900s has moved to the nearby speed track, home of the area covering the beach, argu-Daytona 500, driving on the ing that cars are destroying

year bring in \$3 million (£1.93 million) in access fees.

# Natal warlords pave way for peaceful poll

SIPHO MLABA'S chubby face was enveloped in a grin as he pointed along the dusty street towards colourful posters promoting rival political parties hung side by side on lampposts by campaign workers - a rare sight in KwaZulu/Natal where in many areas

such an act can be life-endangering. We have proved that politics and violence do not have to go together in this province," the former warlord declared proudly. "People should be free to choose." For a local political leader, not least one who struck dread into his opponents, his tolerant lan-

guage seems extraordinary.
Yet the recent history of
Mpumalanga, which has seen its transformation from war zone to peace haven, is out of the ordinary. And as South Africa's most troubled province prepares to vote in delayed local government elections today, there is new hope that the poll could pave the way for greater political tolerance and peace by drawing on the lessons learnt in this township, 30 miles north of Durban's beaches.

Even by the bloody standards of KwaZulu/Natal, where 15,000 have died since the mid-1980s because of

FROM RAY KENNEDY

IN JOHANNESBURG

FIVE black men who attacked and

gang-raped three British tourists and u New Zealander in South Africa were

sentenced to between 17 and 23 years'

The men were convicted last week in

the Supreme Court at Umtata in

Eastern Cape province of rape, kid-

napping and armed robbery, but were

September when they were driving

through the former Transkei bantustan and became lost after

The tourists orderd began last

imprisonment yesterday.

cleared of attempted murder.

Tourists' rapists jailed

conflict between supporters of the 46, was a target for assassination, and African National Congress and their Inkatha Freedom Party rivals, Mpumalanga was notorious. Once dubbed the Beirut of South Africa. more than half of the population had fled the sprawling township by the late 1980s to escape fighting which in one weekend alone claimed 38 lives. As an Inkatha warlord, Mr Mlaba.

nightfall. The live men in a truck

opened fire on their hired car and

The women and Denis Druda, 24, a

medical student from Newcastle-

upon-Tyne, were forced to strip. He

could only watch helplessly while the

The men later drove off in their car.

The tourists huddled, naked and terrified, under bushes at the roadside

until daybreak, when they ventured

into a nearby village where they were

At Christmas the mother of one of

the British women sent ESO to buy food

forced them to stop.

vomen were attacked.

given food and clothing.

and drink for a village party.

saw his thriving business destroyed. After losing two brothers and many other relatives during clashes in 1990. he agreed to peace talks with Meshack Radebe, an ANC warlord. They struck up an immediate rapport, travelled together in public, set up peace committees and eventually staged a joint political rally. "It was very dangerous for both of s," said the bearded, burly Mr

Mlaba, who once would never travel anywhere without armed protection, because many criminals profited from the conflict and people on my own side were against peace".

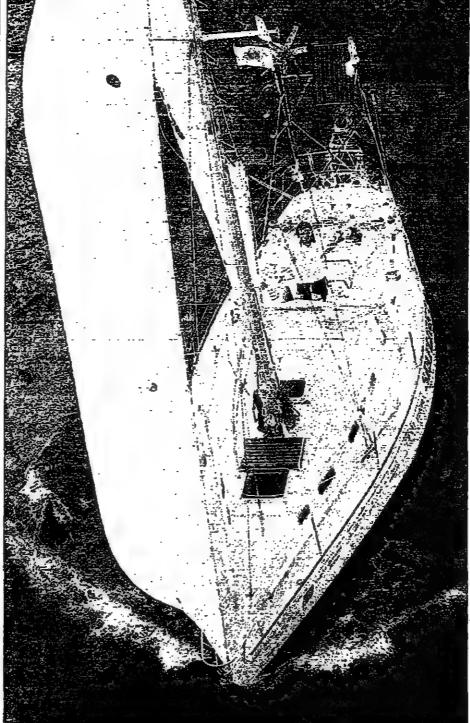
Though shaky at times, the peace has held and the results have been inspirational: thousands of former residents have flocked back to the township, swelling the population from 40,000 to 200,000; houses. schools and clinics have been rebuilt and hundreds of jobs created through new business.

Touted as peacemakers, the two men have visited America and Burundi to share their experiences, and recently received a government grant to train former youth fighters to become peace monitors. The birth of the project coincided with an announcement by provincial leaders earlier this month of a fresh local peace initiative. Drawing on the lessons of Mpumalanga, warlords from both sides, acknowledging their guilt, swore to become "peacelords" and hold rallies with their foes.

With Inkatha aiming to improve on its 50 per cent share of the vote in the province in the 1994 general election, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. the inkatha leader, has toned down his

more inflammatory language.

The apparent political goodwill and accompanying full in political violence has raised expectations. But many observers remain sceptical that it will endure, not least because 30,000 security personnel have been deployed



David Dicks on Seaflight in Fremantle harbour, Australia, preparing for his trip



The sailor has a farewell hug from his sister. Robin

#### Lone teenage mariner sails across the **Great Divide**

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

AN AUSTRALIAN sailor, 17, who is aiming to become the youngest person to circumnavigate the world alone and

non-stop, has crossed the Equator.

David Dicks, from Perth, Western

Australia, told his mother, Patricia, by radio yesterday that he was making excellent progress and was back on schedule. He had been delayed by a week because of bad weather and a damaged mast in his 33ft sloop. Seaflight. The Royal Navy came to his rescue, dropping him a specially made bolt to repair the mast as he passed the Falklands in the South Atlantic.

Shortly before that, he became the youngest sailor to negotiate the treacherous Cape Horn alone.

He set sail from Fremantle on February 26 and hopes to be back in his home port shortly after his eighteenth birthday, on October 6. His latest position is 275 miles east of northern Brazil. He hopes to reach the halfway point of his voyage — Bermuda — at the end of next month.

#### Pakistan threatens to stall test ban treaty

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

INTENSIVE talks to complete the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty before this week's deadline were thrown into turmoil yesterday by a warning from Pakistan that it might refuse to sign the treaty if India did not endorse it.

Munir Akram, Pakistan's Ambassador in Geneva, said

India's announcement last week that it would not sign the draft without a clear timetable for eliminating all nuclear weapons "could spell the death-knell of the treaty". He called on the disarmament conference in Geneva to find "constructive compromises" to meet Delhi's demands, and said Pakistan was prepared to negotiate "around the clock".

Mulayam Singh Yadav, the

Indian Defence Minister, said yesterday that India would not buckle under Western pressure to sign the pact, saying that it was discriminatory. "We cannot accept the fact

that a few countries will be allowed to rely on nuclear weapons for their security while denying the same right to others," Mr Yadav said. America and its Western

allies say that until the

clude Pakistan and India, sign the treaty, it cannot come into force as it would not guarantee the elimination of all nuclear tests throughout the world.

The chairman of the 61-nation conference published a revised treaty text on Monday. and the danger from this latest delay is that hard-won agreement on other controversial matters may now unravel.

#### Herbal extract inhibits HIV

Singapore: A team of scientists has isolated a chemical compound from herbs that inhibits the growth of an HIV enzyme needed for the Aids virus to mature. Dr Sim Keng Yeow, of the National University of Singapore, said yesterday that it had taken more than three years to test extracts from about 75 herbs on the enzyme. (Reuter)

#### Trial focuses on moustache

BY ROGER MAYNARD

THE backpacker murder trial moved towards its conclusion yesterday with the defence completing its case almost three months to the day after Ivan Milat entered the dock at Sydney wsupreme court. Photographs of Mr Milat

and Merv Hughes, the Australian cricketer, were shown to the jury to illustrate their

styles of moustache. Mr Milat. now clean-shaven, has insisted that he never had a Merv Hughes-style moustache, the type described by Paul Onions, a British tourist who was allegedly kidnapped by Mr Milat in Sanuary 1990. Earlier, Challinder Hughes,

Mr Milat's girlfriend. described how she found a top, identical to one worn by Caroline Clarke, the murdered British backpacker, in her boyfriend's house, She did not know how it got there but said: "Definitely it was not my

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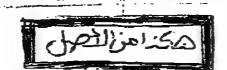
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# Evil of child labour attacked

BY MICHAEL DYNES

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WELL-OFF consumers should be urged to boycon products made by children to try to stamp out the growth in child labour, Bill Jordan, general secretary of the Brusselsbased International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. said yesterday.

With about 200 million children now employed worldwide, Mr Jordan, former president of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, appealed to governments, multinational companies, consumers and international trade unions to help fight the continuing increase in the practice.

Shoes from Brazil, carpets from North Africa, Afghanistan, India and Pakistan, underwear from the Philippines, and toys from China and Thailand are some of the

products made by children, according to a report pub-lished by the confederation yesterday. At the organisation's five-day congress, Mr Jordan fold journalists: "We're not here to condemn the countries where child labour exists [but] to help them out of

this idownward! spiral. The congress is debating trade union rights worldwide. rising unemployment and poverty, cheap child labour and the effects of the globalisation of trade.

Introducing the report, No. Time to Play, Mr Jordan said there was evidence that the problem of working children was gening worse. More and more companies employ them, sometimes as young as five, through subcontractors, "It's a question of tracing the point of production to the point of source," he said. The confederation and Fifa,

the world succer governing body, were following up a recent case of child labourers in Pakistan found producing footballs bearing the Euro 96 soccer logo, he added. "We wrote to Fifa and they acknowledged that it was a problem. We and they are going to take the long and winding route to the source of this most appalling child lab-

tors," he said. The confederation, which represents 127 million workers through 194 affiliates around the world, was asking its members to help provide evi-dence, Mr Jordan said. But, because child labour created wealth, investigators often came up against a "wall of silence" and intimidation.

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The confederation's report gives details of child labour in 20 countries. Up to 100 million underage workers, a quarter

of the total, are thought to be in India, where school dropout rates in hand-made carpetproducing areas are about 85

per cent. In the Philippines, children imprisoned in a sardine factory for a year were crippled by cramped conditions, while their counterparts in Brazil dig by hand in mines and are murdered if they try to escape, the report adds.

It says that in the United States more than 20,000 children are illegally employed in hazardous occupations and almost 50 are killed and 128,000 injured in work-related accidents each year.

In Britain, child prostitution rings are developing apace, it

Between 15 and 20 per cent of children in Latin America work. many as domestic servants for no pay. "The biggest contribution is for developed countries to pay for those other (less developed) coun-tries to get out of this hole," Mr Jordan said.

The report says that many child labourers are following in the footsteps of their par-ents, adding that education for children is the single most important way to break the cycle. A "social clause" penalising countries that do nothing to stop the practice should be introduced into international trade agree-

ments, the report suggests. The confederation scornfully dismisses arguments that child labour is a traditional aspect of most societies and is important for their personal development. These were the same arguments used to instimassive exploitation of children in the industrial revolution and they are as false now as they were then," the report says.

WORLD SUMMARY

#### US capital is hit by tornados

Washington: A rare series tornados hit Washington s urbs, ripping off roofs, upro-ing trees and leaving 250,0 homes without electricity (I Brodie writes).

There were no reports injuries from the storm duri the evening rush-hour. It one family had a narro escape when an oak to crashed through their n and landed in the living roo The worst tornado swirled 150mph and fallen tre caused huge traffic jams. T storms were caused by combination of heat, humid and converging air current

#### **UN chief briefs** Major on reform

London: Boutros Bouts Ghali, the United Natio Secretary-General, yesterd gave John Major a detail briefing on his efforts reform the United Nations a clear attempt to win Briti backing for a renewal of five-year term of office (Mic ael Binyon writes).

Dr Bourns Ghali, who w today meet Malcolm Rifkin the Foreign Secretary, is on l way to the G7 summit

#### Euthanasia MF says he has Aids

Sydney: A former New Sou Wales MP announced that had Aids and hoped to ta advantage of voluntary euti nasia (Roger Mayna writes). Paul O'Grady. who resigned this year, w the first Australian politicis to admit his homosexuali publicly. He took up the cuthanasia cause after the Northern Territory Gover ment passed a Bill to legali voluntary euthanasia.

#### opposition edito

Lagos: Nigeria has freed No lgiebor, the editor of an opp sition magazine, TELL. had been jailed since Decer ber. His release, the seven recently, coincides with tall in London between Niger and the Commonwealth fro which the country has be suspended over human right But any link between the tw was denied by the Nigeria junta. (Reuter)

#### Swede accused

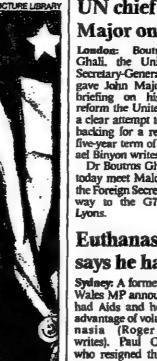
Stockholm: A 26-year-o Swede was accused of distri uting CDs inciting racis songs performed by seve groups from different Eur pean countries, when the pect's Askersund home. (AP)

Rabat: Maria Oukfir, 3 daughter of a former Moro can army general, yesterda fied 24 years of persecution suffered in revenge for he father's attempt to overthrow King Hassan (Mark Huban writes). She escaped in a sma boat across the Straits Gibralter with an aunt and a

#### Plan to build pub in a mug

New York: The small town Black River Falls, Wisconsin is planning to build a 130ft ed fice in the shape of a giant ber stein (Tom Rhodes writes The glass handle will serve a a lift shaft and at the top of th nine-storey Steinhaus will be pub. The rest will be

passed his driving test failed breath test after the examine smelled alcohol -- and immer iately had his newly-won cence revoked. He was late



#### Nigeria frees

#### over 'racist' CD

and propagating haired — the first such charge. Police seize 554 copies of the White Solidarity. a collection of searched the unnamed su

#### Family flees to freedom

adopted son.

#### Off licence Oslo: A man who had just

Leading article, page 21 | jailed for three weeks. (AP)



A wounded President Lincoln clutches the Union flag that absorbed his blood after he was shot by John Wilkes Booth. He died the next day

#### Flag that cushioned dying Lincoln found in village

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

A TINY museum was mobbed by television crews and flooded with national newspaper calls yesterday over a gem displayed for 42 years.

Polk County Historical Society in the village of Milford. Pennsylvania. has always boasted that its bloodstained American flag was used as a pillow for Abraham Lincoln's head the night he was assassinated but no one took the museum seriously. Now it has been vindicated.

Joseph Garrera, a Lincoln buff from neighbouring New Jersey, heard of

the claim last year and began to investigate. He discovered the flag had been given by Paul Struthers, a local man whose grandfather, Thomas Gourlay, and mother, Jennie, were acting at Ford's Theatre in Washington on the night of April 14, 1865 when Lincoln was shot

The President's entourage pulled

daughter who married and moved to Milford in 1888. She, in turn, be-

the flag from the front of Lincoln's box

to cradle his head. After the President was removed, Thomas Gourlay, also the theatre's part-time stage manager, bundled up the flag and took it home. He died in 1885 and left it to his

eathed it to her son, Paul Struthers. Mr Garrera produced a hefty report summarising his hundreds of hours of research. He sent it to leading Lincoln scholars, who found his conclusions irrefutable. "I'm just about convinced it's the flag that was in the theatre," said Michael Maione, historian of Ford's Theatre, now run by the

National Park Service. The flag was one of the most significant Lincoln finds in decades and a "touching symbol", said Wayne Temple, chief deputy director of the state archives in Illinois, Lincoln's home state. "Here his head was lying on a folded flag of the Union that he

his discovery "the most exciting thing I'll ever be involved in". He said the museum's claim was dismissed only because no one could believe such a national treasure was not in a great Barbara Buchanan, the Historical

gave his life for." Mr Garrera called

Society's president, was thrilled to be vindicated, but apprehensive. The modest museum, run by volunteers, opens three days a week, charges \$2 (£1.30) admission and attracts about 1,500 visitors a year.

That is likely to balloon to 150,000

- unless Ford's Theatre museum tries to reclaim its stolen property.

her book on children. In

several interviews yesterday,

Dr Houston also denied it was

a seance and accused the media of deliberate distortion

believe the source of the leak

may be Barbara Feinman, the

original ghostwriter of Mrs Clinton's book. Ms Feinman

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#### **Mrs Clinton denies** resorting to guru

By MARTIN FLETCHER

WITH a mixture of humour designed to stimulate ideas for and anger, Hillary Clinton is trying to quell stories about her use of a spiritual guru before they cause serious damage.

She and President Clinton joke in their speeches about her communing with the dead, but the First Lady also issued a statement emphatically denying that she had turned to Jean Houston, founder of the Foundation for Mind Research, for succour. "I have no spiritual advisers or any other alternative to my deeply-held Methodist faith and traditions I have relied on since childhood," she said.

A new book by Bob Woodward, the celebrated controversial predecessor

Watereate iournalist, describes a scene in the White House private quarters last April when Dr Houston guid-ed Mrs Clinton through an imaginary conversation with Eleanor Roosevelt, her equally Mrs Clinton insisted this was merely "an interesting

of a "freewheeling discussion"

Livingstone, head of the White House Office of Personnel Security, about why he ordered FBI background files on more than 400 Republican officials and permanent White House staff. One retired FBI official who worked on the request claimed it was inspired by Mrs Clinton because she was determined to discover who leaked a story about her throwing a lamp at her intellectual exercise" and part

#### Turtles threaten Daytona racing

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

THE car enthusiasts who have made Daytona Beach a byword for speed and beach parties are under pressure from environmentalists who fear they pose a threat to the

loggerheard turtle. Although the motor racing which started in the early 1900s has moved to the nearby speed track, home of the Daytona 500, driving on the

golden sands remains an attraction at the resort.

The soft sand of the dune however, has also lured adult female loggerheads and green turtles, protected under the Endangered Species Act in America, which crawl ashore at night to lay their eggs. In a dispute which could

have dire effects on the local economy, environmentalists have sued Volusia County, the area covering the beach, arguing that cars are destroying

lings. Last summer a federa court forced the county i prohibit beach driving a night. Now the environme talists are seeking a total ba between May and October.

Volusia County has pri posed that it should close nin miles of the most sensitiv beach. This has dissatisfie locals who say the five million vehicles using the beach each year bring in \$3 million (£1.93 million) in access fees.

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midsummer soirée at her Putney home. Guests included the milliner Philip Treacy and the designer Anthony Price Mr Price left in the early.

hours, but others appear to have outstayed their welcome

They were still there at 9am.

and didn't leave until the deaners were in view.

TOO chic to eat a curry; London's Anglo-Indian

jetset are flocking to Cafe.

Lazeez in Kensington where their eclectic eating habits find recognition. The Evolved

Menu combines chutney with

chips, the Cafe Menu features

the Frontier Burger — the NorthWest Frontier that is, not the Wild West one.

RUMBLINGS of discon-

ers. Just as they had got used

to lending clothes to the stars

free, actors' agents are now

demanding that designers pay them before their clients will

get out of bed to wear a \$10,000 dress.

DOPPING off to St Tropez

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swer: a banana wallet. Perfect for the loose change - though

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- it will also cause heads to

turn, embarrassing most men

into picking up the tab.

for a weekend? Worried

Go bananas

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# Ode to the great white shirt

white shirt is essential for summer, but choosing the right one has never been more complicated, says **Grace Bradberry** 

WORN BY the romantic poets and eulogised by style gurus for the past two decades, white shirts have recently suffered an eclipse. If they haven't been beyond the pale, then they have certainly been overshadowed by coloured shirts.

But now the white shirt is back for high summer, as flattering but as impractical as ever. They really are a barometer of pollution, says Stephen Knight, the poet (pictured right in an Issey Miyake shirt). One day in London and you can see what

you've been breathing in."
That aside, the white shirt is still one of the easiest things to wear, so it is not surprising that cutting-edge designers are reclaiming it from the lager and football crowd.

Egg, the boutique for the design set, sells piles of simple, white tunic shirts. Gucci, which began the shirt revival two seasons ago with its slim-fitting designs in coloured satin, is also rehabilitating white, with a sheer women's shirt for the summer. The price is equally sheer - about £550, give or

take an inconsequential pound or two. But you can buy a great white shirt for less than £30. Marks & Spencer does one for £25. An Agnès b shìrt will cost a little bit more but the designer insists they are "virtually

WHY was the white shirt ever cast aside? Probably because it had become virtually a uniform. But now the new shapes demand an individual taste that the classic

Sadly, this is not an opportunity to dig out an old friend: the shapes have changed. Androgyny is firmly out for women. Borrowing a partner's, friend's or husband's is no longer the last word in style. Even the wealthy Eurotrash set have abandoned their mannish Raiph Lauren shirts in favour of the new cropped women's version - the tails destroy the line of low-waisted skirts, and look bulky stuffed into slim capri pants.

But if the flesh is weak, particularly around the abdominals, then longer, fitted shirts are a better option. Look for hemlines that fall just below the stomach and avoid sheer fabrics with obvious seams

For men, the best shirts are either Jermyn Street style: deep cuffs, good quality cotton, close fitting — or they're minimalist: fine cottons and linens, slightly sheer in appearance, in looser shapes with strong lines. At the extreme, men should think Jarvis Cocker. His white shirts take an ironic sideswipe at the schoolboy look, with their conventional cuffs and skinny shape.

THE SHADE of white is also significant. When Sir Hardy Amies described the white shirt as "truly naff", he was thinking of the harsh white nylon ones designed to survive 100 washes.

In Sir Hardy's opinion, really good cottons and linens are always slightly off-white. But if you want to be truly fashionable, a selfconsciously cheap look à la Jarvis Cocker is the thing.

"What's he talking about?" asks David Bradshaw, the fashion director of Arena magazine, who is baffled by the diktats of Hardy Amies. "Some of the cheaper fabrics are more interesting. They do weird things in the light and go sheer in places they

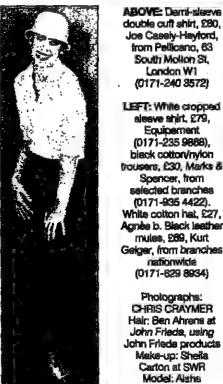
Nonetheless, Mr Bradshaw's last purchase was a boxy white Issey Miyake shirt. And who can blame him? Heavy irony can, after all, be difficult to wear.

Stephen Knight's first volume of poetry, Flower-ing Limbs, is published by Bloodone Books (E5.95).
 His second, Dream City Cinema, will be published



ABOVE: White lace shirt, £26.99, Oasis, from branches nationwide (for inquiries 0171-377 5335). Lime linen trousers, £135, Paul Smith (for inquiries 0171-379 7133)





Stylist: Sharon Lovett



Loaiers from Russell & Bromley, £145. Photograph: CHRIS HARRIS



Marks & Spencer, White nylon skirt, £176, DKNY



£49.95, and grey linen A-line skirt, 965, both from Jigsaw

RIGHT: White cap-sieeve shirt £60, and black and beige striped skirt. £74, both from Agnès b. 111 Fulham Road, London SW3 and 58-52 Heath Street London NW3 (0171-225 3477



Fruity Hermes wallet Old money

THE latest look for ladies who lunch is Givenchy: But not new Givenchy. Even Galliano is not good enough for these women. Instead they are paying dressmakers to replicate the Sixties outlits worn by Audrey Hepburn covered buttons, and inter-facings so stiff the jackets. stand up on their own...

Chop chop

CHEAP chopsticks are chicest, according to Vong, the French That restaur have shown that even the coolest clientele can't get a grip on their noodles with the more expensive black lacquered variety. Using a fork is, of course, a foodie faux pas. Getting galangal on the Gucclis all part of the fun.

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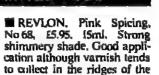
WANT to achieve Calvin Klein-style minimalism on the chean? Rejuctant to spend even Kookai prices on flimsy little skirts and dresses? Head for the Marks & Spencer lingerie department. Their Tactel slips, priced at £15.2 come in different lengths and in black or white. Wear one over another and you have the perfect Forties flip skirt for a fraction of the.



We put six brands to the test, assessing colour, texture, ease of application and finish.

BOURJOIS. Rose Caresse, No 83, £3.25, 12ml. Rather thin and watery consistency. Finish is quite streaky. Colour is not too flattering and rather dull when dry. Needs four enats. Score: 4/10.

SPECTACULAR, Bubblegum, No 81, El.20, 14ml, Available from Fenwicks and mail order (0181-900 1515). Good creamy fexture. Very easy to apply. Only needs one to two coats. Be liberal otherwise it can be slightly like Tippex in appearance. Dries quickly and colour does not fade. Very affordable and extremely good quality. Score: 10/10.



Score: 5/10. ■ CLARINS. Rose Glace. No 34. El0, 12ml. Slightly more sophisticated than candy colours. Beautiful texture, no streaking. Extremely easy to apply, quality polish. Needs two to three coats, but dries very quickly. Score: 8/10.

SHISEIDO, Pink Veil, £12, 15ml. Classic shade which would appeal to all ages. almost nude. Beautiful finish, perfect balance of texture. Easy to apply, needs only one coat. Score: 9/10,

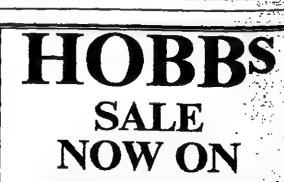
■ ESTEE LAUDER, Perfect Sheer Pink, No 96, £9.50. 13ml. Hard to apply as very runny. Once applied, colour is a lovely subtle shade. Needs one coat. Score: 5/10,



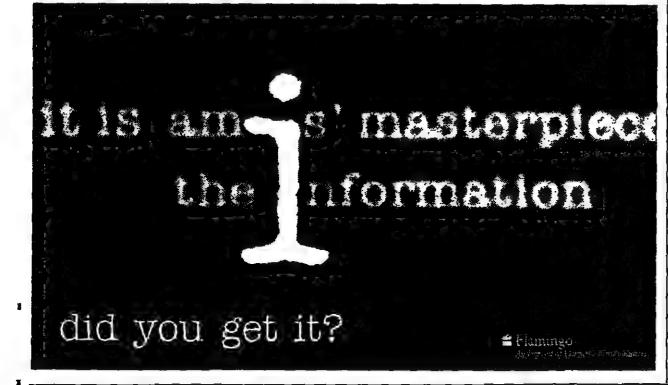
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mystical experience? ( speak to my mother Lilian all the time, even though she died many years ago. I have this feeling that she is always with me.

what I believe

JOHN ASPINALL

Do you believe in God? I believe in the natural world. I worship the forces of nature -- earthquakes, tidal waves volcanic eruptions, reat fantines. Do you believe in ghosts? The spirits of the past are with us in our genes. Is there life after death? Our immortality resides in our genes. Do you believe in astrology? Who knows what influence the gravitational force of the Moon has on us? sins will be punished? i think you're punished in this world if you do violence to your own view of yourself. Have you ever prayed? I never pray. Does faith mader Faith is important. You have to believe in yourself, in your tribe and in your country. Have you ever had a mystical experience? I

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Day Three: The orthodoxy of no God at all; plus an alluring oriental alternative We atheists know

right from wrong

wallowing in spirituality, to bring up the case against God. But that's to put it too inflammatorily: what needs to be put is the case for atheism.

I don't wish to be naïve about this. I recognise that it is assumed that atheism has held enough sway as it is, and what's more is held directly to blame for the fine moral mess we're all in now, and which so alarms the good Dr Carey, I recugnise, too, that now might not be the best time to reassert my faith in it, that I thereby run the risk of sounding like those dejected souls at the fall of the Berlin Wall who declared (and not without justification, either) that socialism hadn't failed, it just hadn't been tried yet.

The religious, or perhaps more precisely the nominally religious but devotionally inactive, think of atheism in purely negative terms. This is why in any argument an atheist is perceived to be essentially nihilistic, morally hollow if not morally bankrupt. But to be an atheist is not simply to have a vacuum where other people have belief: it is a positive unbelief. It is a choice, an intellectual and moral choice.

And it's no good arguing that without a religious framework there can be no moral framework, because we know that practically it doesn't work like that. Religion doesn't make people good, nor make them make good choices. It



Nigella Lawson

intention to be good, do good, but it can also take away responsibility for moral choices. It is a case in point that there is a disproportionately high number of Roman Catholics convicted and sent to jail. Now, I wouldn't for one minute claim that Catholicism, or any faith, leads to criminal activity or underlines a criminal disposition. But if what is good or bad is seen to reside outside oneself, then so does some of the responsibility

Religion gives rules, it provides order. Surely it requires a greater sense of morality to vest these rules, this order within oneself. Atheism as a rigorous, committed humanism attempts to do just that. It says that the meaning of life

MORALITY

access to which is governed by a strict system of reward and punishment, but in life itself. Thus, for the atheist, virtue is indeed its own reward. There's no heavenly bribe to make us do good, or hellish terment to keep us from doing ill. John Patten once said that

people would behave better if they had the fear of God put in them, that children would hehave better if they were threatened with a bit of fire and hrimstone. In a less vigorous way, this is what Dr Carey is saying, too. I'm not sure that the fear of hell and damnation is a failsafe incentive to be good. It should be, of course, but it hasn't been so in the past. What made people have better, with more sense of community, in the past was not so much the wrath of God but the wrath of the neighbours. It is social values that we need to consider here, rather than spiritual ones.

Yes, they are linked, and of course a shared sense of values needs to underline this sense of community, but [ don't believe that depends on active churchgoing. Historically speaking we necessarily share values: whether religious or not we are shaped by he Judaeo-Christian tradition. Perhaps where we have fallen down is not in failing to instil a sense of God, but in failing to understand how important it is to be imbued with a sense of culture.

But to be without one doesn't necessitate being with-

an atheist and have always remained so. But at no time was I led to believe that morality was unimportant or that good and had did not exist. I believe passionately in the need to distinguish between right and wrong and being told I need God, Jesus or a clergyman to help me to do so. More: I'm offended. And one is constantly being told how offensive is a lack of faith

s I say, somehow to treat religion without the respect its apologists demand is seen to be coarse and inconsiderate. But I see no evidence of any tolerance shown by the religiously inclined towards those of us who, on a point of equal principle, are unbelievers. I happen to think there are worse things in life than being offended. I am sure enough of my intellectual and moral stand on this one to withstand any amount of prodding and probing, and I wonder only why those who are wounded on behalf of God feel so unsure

I don't denounce the religious impulse, but I question how we should interpret it. The very human history of God and religion is just one way of describing what we feel is important, but it is just as possible to share that very sense of what is important without recourse to metaphor. which is all, in effect, that



Christians have no monopoly on morality; indeed, religion can dilute moral responsibility

# Where the spirit meets reason

BUDDHISM

dhism so attractive familiar orthodoxy of Western religion? Since detailed inforavailable around the middle of the last century, this oriental creed has exerted an enfascination on the during Western imagination.

From the outset it appealed to a broad spectrum of society, from the intellectual to the plain curious. Today, its appeal is no less broad and its followers include celebrities such as Tina Turner and Richard Gere as well as those who have become disenchanted with established religion.

Its success lies in its ability to integrate two strands which have become separate in Western culture: the spiritual and the rational. Buddhism

spiritual parts that Christianity can no longer reach. Unlike post-Reformation Christianity, Buddhism is not chic powers and unseen forces, and displays an easy familiarity with both the cosmos and the human psyche.

Established religion — in retreat before science and the secular professions — has abdicated its claim to this territory. Many find Buddhism more in tune with modern life. Where Christianity offers counselling, Buddhism offers a sophisticated spiritual technology.

The second reason for Buddhism's appeal is its thoroughgoing rationalism in matters of doctrine, coupled with the absence of any refor uncompre-

**Buddhist monks at prayer** 

hending faith or belief. Scientific discoveries, and theories such as evolution, have challenged many Christian teachings, and the long rearguard action fought by established

dogmatic, irrational, and backward-looking. By con-trast there seem few Buddhist doctrines which are in direct

pomorphic concept of deity is mother feature which makes Birddhism more acceptable to the modern mind. Even belief in reincarnation — one of the more exotic aspects of Buddhism — is rapidly becoming part of popular culture.

It is undogmatic, even to the extent of instructing its followers not to accept its own teachings uncritically. Its moral teachings are not expressed as commandments in the imperative form but as rational principles which, if followed, will lead to the good and happiness of oneself and others. The Buddhist tolera-

tion of alternative viewpoints contrasts with some of the darker episodes in the history of Western religion.

Buddhism has one great -Christianity: it has not yet "failed" in the way that established religion is widely perceived to have done. However, it seems to lack a 'social gospel" and is largely silent on contemporary mora issues. Searching questions remain to be asked when the honeymoon is over.

Damien Keown

This article contains extracts from the author's forthcoming book Buddhism: A Very Short Introduction, to be published by Oxford University Press on October 3. The writer is Senior Lecturer in Indian Religion at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

what I believe

KENTINGSTONE

Do you believe in God? I used to believe in Jesus when I was at school, then I became an atheist myself to be an agnostic. Do you believe in ghosts? My mother and my grandmother used to visit spiritualists and it was the inexplicable accuracy of some of the messages they received that made me question my carlier atheism. is there life after death? What defines us as human

beings is the data that is stored is our brain cells and I just don't know what happens to that when we die. There are things in life that are simply inexplicable.

Do you blieve in astrology? It is absolute

Do you think your sins

will be punished? I am

certain that there is no God watching us and passing judgment on our sins. Have you ever prayed? I did as a child. Does faith matter? think you have to have some sort of framework by which you can try to develop a civilised way of living. Religion provides one kind of framework. We are animals and the entire 10,000 years of

human civilisation has

been about trying to

build frameworks to

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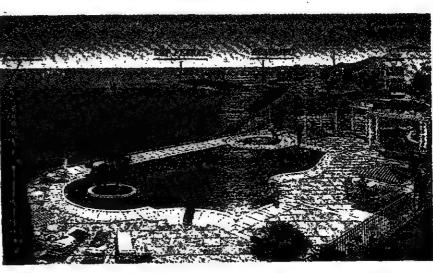
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#### Alan Coren



#### Doctors can alleviate the NHS cash crisis with a more personal service

Torgive, if you can find it in your hearts
to, any slapdashery you come across in today's dissertation — dangling participles, anacolutha, catachresis, stuff like that because my immensely important con-

tribution to this week's increasingly burning debate has to be frantically cobbled together against the clock if it is to be in time for tomorrow's keynote BMA conflagration, and I cannot sit here all day fretting about syntax. Indeed, as soon as I am done, I may very well rush down to Brighton personally, instruate myself into the Metropole Hotel (I have a charcoal-grey whistle, and know where to lay my hands on a stethoscope for its top pocket) and raise from the conference floor the points hereinunder appended, as we delegates say, plus any more I can think of on the train.

For tomorrow the BMA is scheduled to debate whether the moment might not have come to relax the draconian strictures prohibiting sexual relations between doctors and their patients, and I have two penn orth that I wish keenly to put into the discussion. Possibly three penn orth, for this matter — notwithstanding yesterday's com-passionate barrage on this very page by Libby Purves — should be not about ethics at all, but about money, since it is being addressed only three days after that same conference was told that the NHS faced a shortfall of £6 billion, and culturally that must surely count for far more than the mere moral rights or wrongs of two people, instead of just one, going behind the screen

and taking their kit off.

Now, all week we have been hearing that the core of the issue is not simply that male doctors are immensely attractive to female patients, but that they are so immensely more attractive than the males the female patients have already got that the patients see the former as the cure for the chronic malaise brought on by the latter. Half the women in the average waiting-room, it seems, are ill because they are sexually unhappy, and all that is required to put the roses back in their cheeks, they firmly believe, is a romp with

f this is indeed the case, the NHS is sitting on a goldmine, and the BMA should be enjoined not merely to allow doctor-patient shenanigans, but actively to encourage them by incorporating them as treatment. Under this scheme, doctors would be empowered to prescribe, where indicated, a dose of themselves — for, of course, a fair fee to be proportionally remitted, via the fundholding arrangements. to the NHS. This fee would naturally have to be within the purse-reach of the average patient (but perhaps waived, as now, for OAPs), which is to say in line with such other supplementary charges as dentures, wigs, speciacles, walking-sticks, and so forth; though a commensurately larger fee should. I suggest, be demanded from patients wishing to see a specialist. Thus the nation would become the beneficiary of a service which would, at a stroke, reduce wide-scale suffering, offer a just and reasonable reward to doctors for the extra work involved, bring much-needed resources to the desperately underfunded NHS (remember that treatment will not incur any of the usual profit-denting outgoings such as cutting-edge equipment, ancillary staff, ambulances, or drugs — except, perhaps, for a pre-medicational gin and a post-operative lag) and at the same time maintain a commendably professional relationship, currently sadly lacking, between the camally

I do stress that this benefit must be available to all, which is why I was at pains to stimulate the reasonableness of the fee. The last thing we need is a two-tier sexual service: the notion of well-heeled queuejumping private patients collaring the most fanciable consultants, even spiriting them off for long Antibes weekends or setting them up in convenient Harley Street boudoirs, is not only inimical to the caring NHS spirit, it would almost certainly exacerbate the condition it was designed to alleviate by causing a trickle-down effect likely to consign the nation's poorer sufferers to some clapped-out deputising locum with bad breath and torn underwear. Not at all what

the patient ordered. And totally unethical.

## As England warms up for Wembley, John Redwood asks if Chancellor Kohl is preparing to bully Europe

ngland's football fixture against Germany has raised more than the usual hyperbole, lurid headlines and hot air. There is something special about the contest. It has stirred

deep feelings. It invites us all to think again about the problem of Germany. The German question has bedevilled Europe in the 20th century. When peace followed the Allies' victory in 1945, the German question was temporarily resolved by splitting Germany, by occupying it, by disarming it. Germany responded magnificently by establishing a flourishing democracy in the West, turning to the arts of peace and pursuing trade, industry and prosperity.

For 45 years, this settlement worked. The German question was suspended. replaced by the issue of how far communism would expand, and how West Berlin could be defended against a Soviet takeover. The threat of the Soviet Union's military might kept the United States strongly committed to peace in Europe, and kept the centre of Europe weak. The German plains were used for Nato or Soviet tank-training.

The world has been slow to adjust to the pulling down of the Berlin Wall and the greater collapse of authoritarian communism. America remains adamant in defence of the West, but would like to reduce this commitment. Helmut Kohl, Germany's Chancellor, having reunited the country, within its 1945 boundaries, is now proposing that this bigger, stronger country be locked into a wider European Union - or else, he says, it might throw its weight around. His Germany is still uncertain about

Stand up to Germany, on and off the field

how much to rearm and what role its armed forces should have.

The French Government seeks monetary union to curb the German mark, and is prepared to accept political union as the price. The French people are growing increasingly hostile and restive as the cost of the economic policy mounts daily and as inner fears come to the surface. Italy, Spain, Greece and Portugal are nervously wondering whether they will be allowed in, while Britain and Scandinavia wonder aloud if they will be permitted to stay out.

What is the modern German problem? Chancellor Kohl seems to fear a return to German expansionism, yet modern Germany is a peace-loving democracy. It would lose a lot by disrupting the peace, and is not as heavily armed as Britain or France, let alone America. The easy answer to the fears of some countries is to carry on with Nato and maintain the present military balance. It is also important to follow economic policies that promote employment, technology and open trade rather than the opposite.

It is true that many Germans still live outside the borders of Germany. There

Austria. But why should this again become an issue which could disfigure international politics? For 50 years the position has been stable. There does not need to be any change in boundaries. It would only become a worry if Germany changed as it changed in the 1930s, and used this as an excuse to lay claim to

The big difference between the peace of 1919 and the peace of 1945 lay in the way Germany was handled. In 1919. revenge led the Allies to damage the German economy, demanding substantial reparations for financial loss. In 1945, the Allies concentrated on helping Germany to rebuild its shattered economy and to construct a stable democracy, while ensuring that Germany was no longer heavily armed. The 1945 approach was much more successful than that of 1919.

Chancellor Kohl is living in the past. Nazism was born of poverty in the German people. Hitler responded to the lack of national self-esteem caused by the punitive peace and the defeat, and

are Germans living in the Czech for barbarism. Today there is no worry Republic, in Poland, in Hungary and in of extreme right-wing or extreme leftof extreme right-wing or extreme leftwing groups winning elections and then overthrowing the democracy.

Chancellor Kohl's language is more worrying. He seems to be saying to the governments of Western Europe that Germany may bully now that she is bigger. He offers us the favour of joining Germany's idea of a federal European state before it is too late. Britain must say no. The only answer, were Germany ever to bully us, is to stand up to it. The picture of Tony Blair alongside Chancellor Kohl revealed the naïvety of new Labour standing in the shadow of the new Germany.

The United States would rather not

have to worry about Europe. There is a strand of thinking in the State Department and Washington which likes the idea of dealing with one big power in Europe. But shortly after German reunification there was a shiver of understanding of how that might go wrong when Germany cut its own deal with Russia. There was another when the European Community found it very difficult to line up alongside the freetraders in the Gatt debates.

Britain should remind America that recent wars in Europe have taken place in federations that do not hold the loyalty and support of their constituent countries. Yugoslavia broke apart as soon as the communist dictatorship was overthrown. The Russian federation has plunged into civil war on its borders. Against such a background it is difficult to understand the argument that a bigger European federation is the way to guarantee the peace.

The United States and Britain must remain the principal defenders of democracy and free trade. Together we must be the backbone of Nato, which must continue to guarantee the peace of Europe and the security of nations. We should insist on a free, outward-looking, open-trading Europe. We should avoid building an exclusive Western Europe which leaves people in the East looking across with jealousy or fear in their eyes. We must ensure that the German problem is resolved by keeping the present balance in Western Europe, and by ensuring democratic and peaceful solutions to the veratious problems of identity and culture.

Football is a good way of letting off steam. We should remember it is only a game. It is good sometimes to ask the basic questions about Britain's relationship with Germany. It will be even better to watch the match safe in the knowledge that Nato will keep the peace and the European Union will assist with trade. Win or lose, it is time for Britain to give some alternative leadership to Europe, based on our mature understanding of the realities of power on

# Major's last hurrah: the 11-plus

enito Mussolini chose Italy's railway stations as network citadels of his power. He showered each one with money and patronage, and for a while it worked. Trains ran to time. In his twilight of despair, John Major has chosen grammar schools. The image of these institu-tions beckons to him from the glorious Fifties. In every town he sees pennants fluttering over gilded academies. Within are gathered a chosen few, to be instilled with Conservative spirit. There he will sow the seeds of Tory renaissance. Grammar schools will supply the Majorettes of the Millennium.

Up to a point. Yesterday's White Paper on grammar schools is so spattered with Whitehall blood as to be nearly incomprehensible. The Education Secretary. Gillian Shephard, has fought Norman Blackwell, the Downing Street policy chief, to a standstill. In the past week the spin-doctors have gone giddy. We have had a grammar school in every town (The Times) or, quite different, a grammar stream in every school (The Daily Telegraph).

The White Paper is an intellectual shambles. It confuses two incompatible forms of school enrolment: parental choice and academic selection. It mixes election by aptitude with selection by ability. It veers between greater school autonomy and central diktat. Institutional diversity is entangled with institutional hierarchy. The paper is obsessed with grammar schools and contemptuous of comprehensives. Local bureaucracy is rightly curtailed, but there is no talk of curbing Britain's grand new NHS, the Funding Agency for Schools. When the Tories returned to power in

1979, they confronted a secondary system that was diverse to a fault. There were all-through comprehensives and two-tier systems. There were breaks at 13, 14 or 15, some of them academically selective, some not. There were four-year high schools and sixth-form colleges. There were grammars and secondary moderns. This was hardly a "dreary uniformity". as described by Mrs Shephard in yesterday's Times.

Margaret Thatcher's principal innovation was to increase the scope for parents to influence which school their children go to, without actually moving house. By encouraging popular schools to expand, she gave poorer ones an in-centive to pull their socks up. The policy was abused, especially in big cities, where surviving grammars creamed the sixth forms of struggling comprehensives, reducing some to little more than the old secondary moderns, in a vigorous debate - those were the days - the Tory Right had an answer to this: a loaded vouchers scheme and open enrolment. Tory ministers did not have the courage of that conviction. Nor did

Gillian Shephard's White Paper is a shambles which cannot conceal the cruelty of segregating children too early



The way they were: pupils sitting the 11-plus in 1964, on the eve of the comprehensive revolution

Parental choice is now vanishing from Tory education policy just like the Cheshire Cat's smile. Mrs Shephard says she wants "selection as a regular feature" of British secondary education. But her sort of selection is selection by school, not by parents. Any student of school enrolment knows that there is no such thing as partial selection. Make any school's entry exclusive and the outcome is straightforward. As in selective Buckinghamshire or Kent, every primary child sits the 11-plus exam. Those selected by the grammar school are offered a place. The schools for those rejected are not true comprehensives. This is Hobson's choice, It insults public intelligence to call it otherwise.

The White Paper is almost entirely in code. It follows the 1944 Education Act in assuming that roughly a third of British children can be assessed in infancy as suited to (let's face it) better schools than the rest. As in 1944, much euphemism surrounds the remainder, mostly waffle about "technical specialism". Politicians may be fooled, but not parents. Before 1965, 70 per cent of British children went to second-rate schools, knew it, and hated it. The post-1965 comprehensive system had its faults, not least because it

came at a time of misguided teaching theory. Grammar schools, which should have continued as high schools or sixth form colleges, were too often ruined. But vastly more children received a decent education than before, and numbers staying in the system after 16 soured.

Since then, all surveys and local votes indicate that parents have continued to regard Il-plus segregation as coming far too early. What they want, and mostly get, is streaming within schools. This policy - "a grammar stream in every school" - is supported by Labour and exists in most education authorities and schools. It has nothing to do with grammar schools, and is no offence to comprehensive transfer at 11. But this does not offer Downing Street the "clear blue water" between its policy and

Labour's, So Mrs Shephard must declare that the gains of the past three decades have "lowered standards alarmingly". This is untrue and does no

credit to her or the service she leads. She is ordered to find new grammar schools. They are to be created not with new money but by inducing the most popular comprehensives to leave compe-tition behind and to "opt in" to a national system, run by the Funding Agency for Schools. All presence that these schools, which now educate about 20 per cent of secondary pupils, are not engaged in selection is abandoned. So claims to the contrary (and to my face) from successive Education Secretaries are lies; they always were. Mrs Shephard's department has tried to retain some local freedom. She at least believes that governors, teachers and parents" know what is "best for the community" and should have some choice in the matter. Mr Major disagrees. He thinks he knows best, and he wants grammar schools everywhere.

More important, he wants the Funding Agency (that is, central government) to run these schools and to claim credit for the "most excellent" schools in the land. This upends what was once sound Tory philosophy, that the central State should direct most help to those least able to fend for themselves. Here the central State wants only the best. Last month the Government even mooted that selective schools might get money above their per capita entitlement as a reward for their popularity.

The means whereby "a grammar in every town" is to be pursued are grotesque. Funding Agency schools are to be allowed to select 50 per cent of their entry by academic test, compared with just 20 per cent for local council schools. This is ludicrously unfair and makes no sense why not come clean and let all schools select? It also gives the lie to Mrs Shephard's claim that hers is not a twotier system. The device is intended not just to persuade popular schools to opt for Funding Agency control; it also ensures that schools left behind will remain at a competitive disadvantage. The proposal is for a social as well as an educational oligopoly — in the hope that it may induce a few lucky 11-plus

Winners to vote Tory.

Such discrimination can only harm, the schools in which the majority of children will be taught. Already Mrs Shephard's department is seeking to close 34 sixth-forms in Kent for fear of At the behest of parents, these schools have been helping pupils to recover from rejection in Kent's 11-plus by developing as comprehensives. Mrs Shephard's civil servants mean to stop them. The White Paper claims that the Agency can interfere in this way with council schools to encourage competition". That must be a misprint for "stifle". Such cynicism must hasten the day when some European supreme court subjects British policy to judicial review.

I cannot believe this policy will fulfil its major premise, of bringing wavering Tories back to the party. The only role envisaged for parents in the White Paper is to vote to have the school that selects (or rejects) their child run by Mrs Shephard's Funding Agency. Parents should beware. When past governments seized hospitals, prisons and, more recently, water companies from local councils, they also did so in the cause of rationalisation and efficiency. That is now a hollow laugh. Within five years, I bet the Agency will be delivering directives to opted out" schools by the vanload.

After the 1965 reorganisation, I was convinced that wherever further reform might lead, it would not be back to institutional selection at 11. The divisiveness, the double-talk, the cruelty to children in their formative years, were too much to stomach. The Tory party showed political maturity in accepting this, though most II-plus winners were its supporters. Selection at II was too unfair. It was for history's dustbin. We seem to be watching a party determined to join it there.

# Grey threat

raphers to snap him watching Eng-

land's game against Spain on the television in Florence. "He banned

all photographers," says a source.

The Oscar Foundation has a

touch of the luvvies. It has sent a

legal letter to Chris Woodhead,

Chief Inspector of Schools, com-

plaining about reports that he

He was very nervous."

ENGLAND have reluctantly ac- he that he refused to allow photogcepted their grey football strip, but morale is likely to plummet even further: our boys may now have to put up with the Grey Man. John Major, Prime Minister and notorious jinx at sporting events, has brought forward a speech he was planning to make this evening. which leaves him time to attend the semi-final against Germany.

His supporters might welcome his attendance, but football fans are concerned. Whenever John Major turns out to support his team at Chelsea, they invariably lose. "People think 'Oh God' when they see him," explains a club executive. "They think they haven't a chance if he is there."

Major's nemesis came when Chelsea lost 4-0 to Manchester United in the 1994 FA Cup Final. Jeering Chelsea supporters chanted "Jonah, Jonah" at the bespectacled PM because he had brought them such bad luck. "We lose every time he attends Chelsea," says one fan. "He should be banned."

The Prime Minister is not unaware of his predicament, and may yet avoid the match. So sensitive is refers privately to his annual awards to outstanding schools as the education "Oscars".

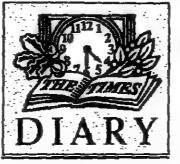
#### Shirty

A BIZARRE attempt to bring Euro % to Wimbledon was foiled yesterday. Alan Mills, the tournament referee, has refused a request from brothers Luke and Murphy Jensen. the American players who grabbed the headlines last year when Murphy was defaulted for going awol on a fishing trip. They wanted to play doubles matches in white England football shirts.

"We are pretty upset about it." says Murphy. "We were told that it was because they weren't tennis shirts, but Agassi's long-sleeved shirt with a zip down the middle did not look like a tennis shirt and he was allowed to wear it."

#### Close look

HENRY KISSINGER is in London, doubtless hoping for another glimpse of the cleavage of the Princess of Wales that he so admired at a society dinner last year in New York. But at a dinner this evening he will have to confine himself to the delights of Carla Powell, wife of



Sir Charles. She has organised a small soirée for him in the Marie Antoinette Room at the Ritz, where the cast is limited to the John Redwoods, the Douglas Hurds and the Malcolm Rilkinds.

#### Big screen

RENTAL firms are enjoying a run on televisions as party hosts desperately try to persuade their guests not to stay at home-and watch the football. Brian Eno, Bob Geldof and Mick Jagger have all told Marie Helvin that they cannot attend her summer party unless they can watch the match — so she has brought in three televisions.

Bill Kenwright, the theatrical impresario and director of Everton Football Club, has to sit through

the first night of Neil Simon's play The Odd Couple. which he is staging, and follow on with a first night party. "I tried to postpone it but the critics wouldn't agree," he grumbles. "Three quarters of the guest list have said 'no, thank you'."

#### Bombs away

MORE excitement at the Daily Mirror, where the youthful Editor Piers Morgan apologised yesterday after his front page this week show-ing two England footballers sportine tin helmets and demanding a German surrender.

"Guten" Morgan has a fine selection of German uniforms stored in a disused office in the Mirror building, with which he was planning to kit out his Wehrmacht reporters. One Kommandant at the newspaper had suggested hiring a Lancaster bomber to drop bouncing inflatable bombs bearing the Mir-

ror logo along the Thames. Both the uniforms and bouncingbomb project have been abandoned, along with Guten's visionary plan to invade Germany in a tank driven by his troops. A conciliatory tone was adopted yesterday when the paper asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to write a football prayer. Dr Carey couldn't oblige, but



Don't mind me, your Highness, I'll just straighten this out

another bishop scribbled some words which will not be appearing. The sentence "Bless those who watch, that their support may be faithful and just, not fuelled by tribal haired or narrow pride" was deemed unprintable.

#### Hair today

THE SPANISH court is reeling from an extraordinary breach of etiquette committed by the Chinese President Jiang Zemin, As King

Juan Carlos struck up earnest conversation with the panda-like President, who is visiting Spain this week, Mr Jiang felt a strand of Brylcreemed hair fall down on to his forehead.

Without a by-your-leave, he eased his hand into his coat pocket and proceeded to comb the jetblack lock back into place. The King, whose own hair is receding, looked on quite speechless.

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#### SHEPHARD'S STEPS

The Education White Paper inches in the right direction

It may not have been an act of vandalism to match the dissolution of the monasteries, but the dismantling of Britain's grammar schools and their replacement with comprehensives has done huge damage to generations of children. The selective system put in place by the 1944 Butler Education Act had its flaws but it did a great deal to make the nation's education more meritocratic. The Education White Paper published yesterday does not, however, attempt to put the clock back to the age of the 11-plus. The argument has moved on. Instead, the Government is trying to retrieve and remodel selection for the schools of today. There are impeccable educational reasons for this Government to encourage the spread of selection and Gillian Shephard's steps. though tentative, are in the right direction.

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Selection is popular. An ICM poll in January suggested 71 per cent of the public supported local authorities who wished to re-introduce selection. A Harris poll in the same month for the Association of Teachers and Lecturers surprised the commissioning union when it showed that more than half the public were in favour of the reintroduction of grammar schools. Some of the support may be nostalgia but the prejudice of the public is backed up by the facts.

A study of the capacity of selective and comprehensive schools to improve educational performance was undertaken by the Department for Education and Employment in 1994. It found that surviving Grammar schools consistently produced better results from comparable pupils. Those in selective schools benefited from teaching more effectively targeted.

Opponents of selection generally concede that it benefits the gifted. They argue that Britain's most talented 20 per cent are not the problem. They point out, with some iustice, that the weakness with the country's education system is its failure adequately to educate those of average and below-average ability. With ever fewer job opportunities for the unskilled, reform is necessary. But far from failing the less obviously able, selection offers the same benefits as it does the gifted - an opportunity to have an education tailored to their aptitudes. John Marks of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority has conducted research which indicates that a quarter of the country's remaining secondary moderns have better GCSE results than the average comprehensive. Given that those secondary moderns cannot boast the same leavening of academic pupils, Dr Marks's research indicates that selection benefits all, not just the best.

The main weakness of the old selective system was its inflexibility. The White Paper's proposals are designed to entrench a more diverse system, by encouraging greater devolution of power from local authorities. Schools are to be given control of 95 per cent of their spending in the hope that greater autonomy will become addictive and more will opt for grant-maintained status.

Many grant-maintained schools will take the opportunity to select up to half their pupils on academic or other grounds. They recognise that selection sends the signal that a school takes standards seriously and can teach more effectively. No school is forced to select and many may choose to develop a speciality. Those schools which wish to preserve a broadly comprehensive ethos will at least have the chance to establish a

"grammar stream" to encourage excellence. Given the inertia of many teachers and the unassertiveness of many parents, the embrace of grant-maintained status has been slow. The spread of selection is, initially, unlikely to be much speedier. But, as results improve in those schools which manage their own affairs and are free to select, the benefits will become clearer. Headmasters of vision who believe in diversity, competition and standards should embrace both to ensure that if any future Education Secretary were to try to stifle choice from the centre, there could be no turning back.

#### THE CHINA TRAP

#### A game that makes China less and less attractive to investors

China's open door to trade and investment has a spring mechanism, engineered to trap the fingers of foreign politicians who presume to criticise Peking's record on human rights. Such is the lure of China's huge potential — a lure that dates back 100 # for the lamps of China" - that Peking has been able to pursue this strategy with what it evidently considers to be success. It has used contracts as political carrots and sticks. Anxious businessmen, fearful that America's support for Taiwan or Britain's democratic reforms in Hong Kong will lose them contracts, have put pressure on politicians to avoid stepping on Chinese toes. The effect is to make China a less and less attractive country with which to do business.

Helmut Kohl has left America to worry about human rights and his reward has been to see German trade with China double in five years, to £12 billion, making it China's main European trading partner. Viewed from Peking, the high point in this warm partnership was last November when Herr Kohl, visiting China with a bevy of businessmen, became the first Western leader since the Tiananmen massacre to agree to inspect a Chinese military guard of honour.

This was, however, a gesture too far for many of Herr Kohl's compatriots. The Chancellor's China policy has come under mounting criticism even within his own Christian Democrat party. Earlier this month, the German Government again bowed to Chinese pressure, withdrawing official funding for a conference on Tibet in Bonn attended by the Dalai Lama. That led to an all-party resolution last week in the Bundestag, condemning "China's continued policy of repression in Tibet" and calling on Peking to open dialogue with the Dalai Lama's "government in exile".

Overnight, Germany became the latest country to discover how suddenly China's welcome mat can be whipped away. Told that Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Peking next month. Bonn felt compelled in return to freeze official contacts. But Herr Kohl has kept silence, while Herr Kinkel lamely laments that this is all a misunderstanding and that despite German support for "cultural autonomy" in Tibet, "we want Tibet to continue to belong to China".

China's speed in turning the screw reflects its belief that Bonn is easily intimidated. Significantly, Peking chose last April to ignore a much tougher statement by 200 French parliamentarians. On the eve of an official visit to Paris by Li Peng, China's Prime Minister, they called on China to pull out of Tibet, accusing it of causing 1.5 million deaths there. Yet the visit went ahead and netted France £1.2 billion worth of business contracts.

Peking has done itself no favours in Germany even though, after a decent interval, it may well get its way with the Government. Worldwide, every incident like this encourages business to look at other, more predictable, emerging markets. There are already considerable costs and risks to doing business in China, Corruption is endemic and profit margins are meagre. Add to that political uncertainty over whether contracts will be honoured, and the balance begins to tilt in Western boardrooms in favour of India and other fast-growing economies where a deal once reached is less vulnerable to official whim. Peking acts as though the foreign investment it needs is China's to command. It may not always be so.

#### **HEAVEN'S GATE**

#### Hillary Clinton in conversation with supernatural role models

"Joni. Is this virtual therapy with a dead white woman politically correct? Are you really the Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans. la Pucelle? I have picked you for my representative heroine in man's clothing as an empowered sister who stood up against 50 centuries of male-dominated history. And the English imperialists oppressed you with worse than sensational charges of sexual, financial and legal misconduct. They burnt you with faggots - and I am not referring to anybody's sexual orientation. I see myself as the most wounded woman since you. Of course, our conversation is a purely intellectual exercise, not a spiritual event. I would not want to be mocked like Nancy Reagan for doing nothing without consulting her astrologer, or stereotyped by Bill Safire as Nuttergate and Deadgate in his scandalous attempts to equate everything we do in the White House today with Watergate. But this is a free-wheeling brainstorming dialogue to

understand the difficulties and dangers of the role of First Lady in a chauvinist society." I heard my voices too, little sister, in the helds near Domremy. They came from St

Michael, St Catherine and St Margaret. And they told me to hold to what I had already said and rely on our Lord. So the Goddams burnt me for heresy. But how can what a Woman like me believes be heresy? That is a contradiction in terms. Then 500 years after

haps the comedians of nocturnal television (who have taken over the role of the Church)

will canonise you too." "And Eleanor, I identify with you in this creative teaching-learning process between women. You were First Lady for 12 years. You too grappled with the social issues of your day. In some of his little ways, your President was as impossible as Bill. And you suffered female crucifixion almost as bad as mine with slanders from the press and big business, and scandal of infidelity and your President's roving eye spread by the military-industrial complex through venal hacks. And through it all you stood up as your own woman: strong, compassionate, empowered, a true sister.

Very nice of you to call, Mrs Clinton. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. I certainly always let Franklin Delano know that I was superior to him, intellectually, politically and socially. But I took care to do so in private. Your problems arise because you do not bother to conceal your belief that you are smarter and more ethical than anyone else in public life."

"And now Mahatma Gandhi. Like me, you too were profoundly misunderstood in your work, when all you wanted to do was help others and make peace. What do you

think of modern civilisation?" That, Mrs Clinton, would be a good

#### Power and politics Case for restoring St Ethelburga's From Professor Hugh Brogan

within the EU From Mr Leolin Price, OC

Sir, Our Government's policy is to reject all further steps towards a federal or other centralised government for the European Community; but Sir Roy Denman tells us (letter, June 21) that we "cannot stop the integration of continental Europe": and if he is right, the policy cannot succeed.

One existing reality is that, over wide areas of governmental activity, the Community is already a powerful, integrated, essentially federal superstate. We do not like it. Some of our masters would have us take steps which, whether or not intended, would extend inexorably the integration and the federal power.

But we did not join the Community in 1973 with a view to creating a government superior to ours at Westminster; and our choice now is clear; to preserve our constitution; to restore to Westminster lost governmental power; and not to be deterred by talk of troublesome economic consequences. (We used to have a modest trade surplus with our European friends: after 23 years of Community, there is a massive trade delicit with them and the language of friendship is often depressingly absent)

Yours truly. LEOLIN PRICE. 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2.

From Ms Joyce Quin, MP for Gateshead East (Labour)

Sir, I do not believe your arguments as to the nature of the EU social chapter and the attitude of other EU countries towards it (leading article, June 20) are soundly based.

We need to remember that the social chapter actually says that the Member States shall implement measures that take account of . . . the need to maintain the competitiveness of the Community economy". It goes on to say that the measures agreed should be implemented gradually by consultation - and in such a way as to "avoid imposing administrative, financial and legal constraints in a. way which would hold back the crea-, tion and development of small and medium-sized undertakings".

viously fit in with this approach. Funthermore, the social costs on industry which do worry some of dericompeted a Coswboy builders tors arise from their own particular.

From the Chief Executive of the systems of social security and taxiation; these are not the responsibility.

Institute of Plumbing of the social chapter of other EU poli-cies, but arise from decisions made and implemented by their national;

Yours faithfully, JOYCE QUIN (Opposition Spokesperson on Europe), House of Commons.

From the Chairman of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations

Sir, The key condition which underpins the Prime Minister's success in Florence has been to move the beef issue from the arena of the soundbite and to subject it to rational scientific analysis. This will provide all parties with unbiased yardsticks against which progress can be measured.

Contrast this with the approach of the Labour Party, whose leader has within the last few days visited Germany to explain how his party wishes to be more closely integrated with Europe. Such a wish did not prevent him from criticising the Prime Minister at Question Time (report, June 21) for his negotiating position even before Mr Major had set out for Flor-

The public will remember that there is no more contagious political disease than that of cynical opportunism. Yours faithfully.

ROBIN HODGSON, Chairman, National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, SWI. June 23.

From the Leader of the UK Independence Party

Sir, It is quite clear from your report on Sir James Goldsmith and article by John Redwood today that the UK Independence Party is now the only mainstream, democratic party in this country to advocate Britain's with-

drawal from the European Union. It is good to know that sections of the Conservative Party are following in our wake and that Sir James has made it absolutely clear that he is in favour of continued British membership of the EU. This will clarify the political debate in Britain.

However, I forecast that before very long it will be crystal clear that withdrawal is the only rational option. With any luck, the majority of voters will realise this before the next election.

Yours faithfully, ALAN SKED, Leader, The UK Independence Party. 80 Regent Street, WI. June 20.

From Mr Christopher Billson

Sir, "Bravo Mr Major," say I. Dismal abyss has been replaced by a light at the end of the tunnel. No mean feat. given the circumstances.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER BILLSON. Mas de Roujol, 82190 Brassac, France. From Mr Edmund Gray

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Sir, Contrary to what Mr Roger Simpson, RIBA, says (letter, June 18) I can assert that before the Bishopsgate bomb St Ethelburga was not "redundant, unnoticed and disused". I visited it myself, for example, and well re-member how moving it was to stand in so old a church which had survived

Great Fire and the Blitz, I did not foresee what the IRA criminals would do to it, and nothing can give us back St Ethelburga's as it was, but as complete a restoration as possible is what the church and the City

so many disasters - above all the

It would demonstrate, as nothing else could, a determination never to be defeated by terrorists, whereas the scheme (avoured by the diocese and the architectural profession would amount to no more than a wringing of the hands in metal and glass; a kind of sentimental wishful thinking. We have had enough of that.

Yours sincerely, HUGH BROGAN Reform Club, Pall Mail, SWI.

Sir, Why should it be "reactionary architectural prejudice" (Professor Maxwell Hutchinson's letter, June 18) on the part of the City planning committee to prefer the faithful restoration of a medieval church, two thirds of which survive, to a scheme to enclose

the ruins in a glass box? One does not have to be an antimodernist to regard a glass box as entirely inappropriate for a church whose essential character was that of an ancient, intimate, and secluded place amidst the bustle of the modern

The wonderful late-Gothic churches of St Lorenz and St Sebaldus in Nuremberg, both desperately smashed in the Second World War, are examples of the innumerable continental churches faithfully restored since

I challenge anyone who visits them to say that a glass-box solution would have been preferable.

bishop's shirt, fragments of stone

stained with his blood, and with two

phials of the blood itself. His access to

these items may well be accepted. He

was probably within earshot of the

murder" and wrote one of the earliest

accounts of the event. Moreover he

Yours faithfully. EDMUND GRAY. 85a Stockwell Park Road, SW9.

#### Becket's casket

From Sir Stephen Hastings

Sir. Your support for the retention of the Becket chasse is indeed welcome (leading article, June 15; see also letter, June 20). It would be an appalling comment on our sense of heritage for it to go abroad. It should be displayed as a memorial to Becket, of course, but there is another aspect of its history of particular interest to those who are trying to raise funds urgently needed for Peterborough Cathedral.

Abbot Benedict, who is believed to have commissioned the chasse, had been a close associate of Becket. He was appointed Abbot of Peterborough six years after the murder. On arrival he found the abbey church still under construction and deep in debt. to the tune of 1.500 marks, or about three times the abbey's annual income. He is said to have returned to Canterbury "to meditate" — as well he might.

Benedict came back as the chancelmedium-sized undertakings".

Labour's policies and Tony Blair port, June 15), equipped with the archspeech in Bonn (report, June 19) of the cathedral has explained (re-

was himself custodian of the relics. Pilgrims at Peterborough flocked to see them, and were invited, for the sum of one farthing, to receive a cup of water containing a tiny drop of the martyr's blood. Trade was brisk and

the finances of the great enterprise

rapidly improved. Would it not be appropriate if this splendid reliquary should be returned to the Becket Chapel in the cathedral precinct, where in all probability its story and its purpose began.

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN HASTINGS (Chairman, Peterborough Cathedral Development and Preservation

Laurel Court, 22 Minster Precincts, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Sir. Your report, "Handymen 'terrorised family", and the letter from Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, both today, highlight once again the "cowboy cancer" which blights our industry, thus giving everyone a bad name.

I was a member of the government-

sponsored "Beat the Cowboys" working party which reported in 1988. Like the recent report from the Justice committee, which Mr Bernstein chaired, the working party made some excellent recommendations on how the problem could be tackled, short of statutory registration. Our report even identified the characteristics of good and bad builders.

There is no political will to tackle this issue, because many of the remedies are at odds with government open-market and deregulation policies. The best we can hope for is help in identifying individuals and firms who voluntarily commit themselves to proper standards and behaviour through membership of bone fide professional associations.

Yours faithfully, ANDY WATTS, Chief Executive and Secretary. The Institute of Plumbing. 64 Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex. From Mr Christopher Harris

Sir, Your letter from Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, of Justice, was most timely. The sooner the Government recognises the problem of sub-standard suppliers of goods and services, and not just in the building industry, the

Mr Bernstein's main point, that there should be a statutory insurance scheme to protect the consumer from the consequences of unsatisfactory work, is manifestly correct.

There are a number of bodies that purport to vet and accredit suppliers of goods and services. Fair Trades, one of the sponsors of the Educational Management Exhibition, 1997, provides an insurance safety net for customers of its members. Because these members are carefully vetted, customers rarely need to call upon this, but it gives them vital peace of

Apart from private customers, purchasers in health and education who account for a large proportion of state spending need this kind of security. Heaven knows how much state money is wasted on contracts that, unfortunately, go wrong.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HARRIS, Multimedia Exhibitions Limited, 1-3 Brigstock Parade. Thornton Heath, Surrey. June 21.

#### **Conference facilities**

From Miss Margaret Hallendorff

Sir, Mr John Studd (letter, June 21) makes a number of very important points. London has long needed dedicated conference facilities with suffi-cient exhibition space to house not only international, but also large national meetings.

I would agree that the facilities in Birmingham are amongst the best that Europe has to offer and it is a great pity that negative perceptions of the city persist. Certainly, as far as we are concerned, for large meetings with complex requirements it is the leader in the United Kingdom.

The city fathers of Edinburgh too have realised the need for an inter-

national centre. The Edinburgh International Conference Centre, which opened recently, has excellent facilities so that now there is a choice of venue. With their plans for further expansion very large meetings will be possible in the capital of Scotland. It seems a great pity that London has been unable to do the same. I hope that the suggestion made by

Mr Studd that National Lottery funds be used to develop a centre in London does not fall on deaf ears.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET HALLENDORFF (Executive Officer). The Royal College of Ophthalmologists, 17 Cornwall Terrace, NWI.

#### Teachers taught From Mrs Helga Harrison

Sir, To Dr Van Praagh's "He who cannot teach, trains teachers" (letter, June 22), may I add "He who cannot train teachers becomes an educationist"?

Yours truly HELGA HARRISON, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex.

From Mrs Margaret E. Tabor Sir. I thought that in these days "He/she who can, teaches. He/she who cannot, is an Ofsted inspector."

Yours sincerely, MARGARET E. TABOR, 7 Blenheim Close, Oxhey, Watford, Hertfordshire. From Mr Tim Piper

Sir, Your correspondence on teaching put me in mind of a verse which I have remembered over the years and which seems admirably to echo the sentiments expressed by Dr Van Praagh. namely:

No teacher I of boys or smaller fry. No teacher I of teachers, No, not I! Mine was the distant aim, the longer reach, To teach men how to teach men how to

Yours faithfully, TIM PIPER. 14 Reynolds Close, Hampstead Way, NW11.

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#### Rail route threat to Odin's rites

From Dr Paul Ashbee

Sir. Although there is nothing to connect Kent's White Horse Stone with Odin (report, later editions, June 18), the members of the Odinic Rite are to be commended for their endeavours to secure a diversion of the Channel Funnel rail link (CTRL).

The stone probably remains from a stone-built long barrow, one of the Medway Group of which Kit's Cory House is the best known, thrown down by medieval iconoclasts.

Built from huge blocks of sarsen stone, they were some of the most grandiose of their kind. Great blocks still abound on Blue Bell Hill and, because of their size, it is possible that some of Stonehenge's sarsen stones came from Kent, the only significant source other than northern Wiltshire.

This important group of monuments will be blighted by the close proximity of the CTRL, which also threatens many ancient sites in the Gault and Greensand corridor, a part of Kent archaeologically sensitive and largely unknown.

This railway project appears to have scant regard for the Medway's long barrows or Kent's archaeological heritage.

Yours faithfully PAUL ASHBEE (Member, Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), 1975-85). Chedgrave, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Gerald Grainge

Sir, I hope that their lordships examining the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill will seek evidence from reputable historians and archaeologists before they give credence to what they heard from the self-styled Odinists about the

site of their ceremonial rites. To ascribe the victory at the Battle of Aylesford to Angles rather than Jutes is perhaps a triviality; not to recognise that the cult of Odin was a bloodthirstv and barbaric religion, involving both human and animal sacrifice, is not. Adam of Bremen's 11th-century account of the sacred grove at Old Uppsala, with men, horses and dogs hanging from the trees, male victims all, is simply the most notorious example.

Yours faithfully, G. GRAINGE, Malt Lodge, mait Mews, Si Margaret's Street, Rochester, Kent. June 19.

#### Stones of Stonehenge

From Dr John Leveson Gower

Sir, Geoffrey Wainwright's review of John North's Stonehenge and the Origins of Astronomy (Books, June 20) was a fair, critical review of an important book that indeed, as Dr Wainwright mentions, "was completed before the appearance in October 1995 of the definitive book on Stonehenge" by Cleal, Montague and Walker (Stonehenge in its Landscape).

Having discussed in detail the origins of the stones that make up Stonehenge in many lectures over the years and hopefully dispelled the myth that many non-archaeologists have that the stones all came from Wales, I read with incredulity English Heritage's chief archaeologist saying that "for the English it Stonehenge is a national heritage fcon, even though the stones for it were brought from

Part of the fascination of Stonehenge is the myths that have grown up over the centuries. Perhaps in a very small way Dr Wainwright has added his contribution.

Yours etc. JOHN LEVESON GOWER, The Chalet, The Square, Winscombe, North Somerset.

#### Ups and downs

From Mr Basil Mahon

Sir, No wonder Mr A. G. Phillips is confused (letter, June 20) by apparently contradictory rises and falls in population statistics. The projections he refers to which have been revised up. are for households, not population. However, the trend is towards fewer people living in each household so the number of households can increase

even if the total population falls.

Births now exceed deaths, but that is likely to remain so only while the 1960s "baby boomers" continue to have children. The projection of a population fall in about 20 years still stands.

Yours faithfully BASIL MAHON (Director, Population Statistics). Office for National Statistics, St Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, WC2.

#### Following suit

From Mr David Robinson

Sir, It's one thing for a Prime Minister to jump on the bandwagon of England's footballing success; but surely asking the team to play in his colour is going a bit too far.

Yours faithfully, DAVID ROBINSON. 15 Sefton Street, Putney, SW15. June 25.

**Forthcoming** 

marriages

and Miss E.C. Parry

Hertfordshire.

Dr B.P. Saunders

and Dr A.M. Boswell

Mr C.H. Speke and Miss C. Welsby

Mr.T.J. Wilkinson

Marriage

Mr A.M.D. Pens

and Miss F.J.O. Militaric

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 22, 1996, at St James',

Milion Clevedon, between Mr

Andrew Penn, second son of the late Mr Michael Penn and of Mrs Pamela Penn, of Greenwich,

London, to Miss Frances Milnarie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs. David Milnaric, of Spargrove, Somerset. The Rev Richard Willow officiated.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Jesste Miharic, Mrs Georgie Campbell, Milo. Astaire, Aeron Brookhouse, Blate

Drummond. Esme Drummond.

Freddie Howorth, Maisie Penn,

Amber Pitkin and Ruby Reed, Mir Toby Constantine and Lord

Edward Manners were best men,

A recognition was held at the house

and Min B. Roces

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Com-

mander and Mrs Patrick Mitchell.

of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

and Emma, younger daughter of the late Mr David Parry and of

Mrs Jill Parry, of Ardeley,

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and

Mrs Peter Quinton, of Mvurwi, Zimbabwe, and Victoria, elder

daughter of Mr Jeffray Johnstone and the late Mrs Jane Johnstone,

and stepdaughter of Mrs Penelope Johnstone, of Great Pool Hall,

The engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of

Mrs Iris Saunders and the late Mr Fred Saunders, of Whittlesey.

Cambridgeshire, and Annie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr

and Mrs Peter Speke, of "Rowlands", Uminster, Somerset,

and Caroline, only daughter of Mr-and Mrs Rod Welsby, of Lechlade-on-Thames, Gloucestershire.

The engagement is announced between Timothy John, only son of

Mr John Wilkinson and Mrs. Mary Heath-Bullock, of Godalming, and Beverile, youn-gest daughter of Mr Derek Reeves and Mrs Jennifer Gordon, of

Boswell, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

and Miss V.I. Johnstone

Mr K.J. Angust and Miss J.M. Hall

Hamoshire.

The engagement is announced

between Kean, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs David August, of Aix en

Provence, France, and Joanna.

daughter of Mr Charles Hall, of

Corhampton, Hampshire, and Mrs Barbara Hall, of Winchester,

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr Peter Bathurst and the late

Mrs Bathurst. of Pirbright. Surrey, and Jane, daughter of the late Mr William Brownlee and of

Mrs Brownlee, of Belfast, Co

The engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of Mr Jeremy Dewhurst, of Bankfoot,

Perthshire, and Mrs Angela Dewhurst, of Glencarse, Perth-shire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Paulkner.

of Upton Grey, Hampshire.

and Miss M.C. Wood-Mallock

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Else, of Corsombe, Dorset, and Claire, and Claire,

elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wood-Mallock, of Al-

The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Roy Hinckley, of

Felbridge, Surrey, and Kate, youn-ger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Quentin Hockliffe, of

Horsted Keynes, West Sussex, and Stephanie, youngest daughter of M and Mme Pasquale Borello, of

The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Nicholas Kennard, of

Estancia, Marabu, Argentina, and

Alice, eldest daughter of Mr and

Mrs Mark Roper, of Forde Abbey,

and Miss M.D.M. Morgan-Witts

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and

Mrs John Keville, of Leigh, Surrey,

and Michele, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Max Morgan-Witts, of Ken-

Ombersley, Worcestershire. Mr S.M.R. Hockliffe and Mile S. Borello

and Miss K.A. Roper

Dorset.

Mr C.R.E. Keville

sington, London.

Mr J.P.O. Knowles

and Mim N.R. Feder

Mr C.J. Else

trincham, Cheshire.

Mr W.P. Hinckley

and Miss K.J. Amphiett

Mr J.E. Dewhurst and Miss A.J. Faulkner

Mr A.W. Bathurst and Miss J.S.E. Brownlee



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** June 25: Mr Harry Seidler, winner of The Queen's Gold Medal for Architecture, was received by Her

Mrs Seidler was also received by The Queen.

Sir Michael Partridge (former Permanent Secretary, Department of Social Security) was received by Her

The following were received by The Queen as Her Majesty's Ambasadors: Mr Richard Edis (the Republic of Tunisia), Mr Robert Gordon (Burma), Mr Peter Harborne (the Slovak Republic) and Mr Peter Marshall (the Democratic and Popu-

Marshan (the Denictatic and Popular Republic of Algeria).

Mrs Edis, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Harborne and Mrs Marshall were also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen, Captain General. Honourable Artillery Company, this alternoon opened the renovated Fins-bury Barracks, City Road, London Fri Her Majesty was received at Armoury House by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG) and the Colonei Commandant (General

The Oueen was received on Parade with a Royal Salute and inspected the Regimental Guard of Honour.

Her Majesty toured the Barracks, escorted by the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant Colonel Simon Lalor), and subsequently aftended a

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh today visited Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James

His Royal Highners, Chancellor, this morning visited Cambridge University Boat Club.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards visited Work Opportunities Through Self Help, Neath Farm Business Park, Cherry Hinton, Cambridge. His Royal Highness later visited Cambridge University,

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Dinner at St Edmund's College, Cambridge

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Walting to Her Majesty. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

June 25: The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, today attended the Annual Service and

Annual General Meeting in St Mich ael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London ECA, and the Annual Luncheon at Skinners' Hall. Dowgate

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, this evening attended a Gala Evening at Chatsworth, Bakewell, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-lineteesty of Developing (Al. John unt of Derbyshire (Mr John

CLARENCE HOUSE June 25: Miss Jane Walker-Okeover has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 25: The Prince of Wales today visited Belfast and was received by the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew MP (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new headquarters of the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion

Centre, met staff and presented Blood Donor Awards. The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, later visited Mountcollyer Youth Club and met staff and members of the Club, and stati and internoers of the Cruo, and representatives of The Prince's Trust. His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Industrial Therapy Organisation's Premises at

The Prince of Wales afterwards pened the Belfast Improved Hous-ing Scheme at Scrabo Manor,

ing Scherie at Scrapo Manor.

His Royal Highness later visited
the headquarters of the Royal Ulster
Constabulary. Brooklyn.

The Prince of Wales this evening ted the Northern Ireland Ex port Awards at a Reception in HMY

Subsequently His Royal Highness ave a dinner on board for reprenatives of companies investing in KENSINGTON PALACE

June 25: The Princess Margara. Countess of Snowdon this morning left to visit the Russian Federation. Her Royal Highness will under-take engagements at St Petersburg in connection with the Annual Festival of the White Nights.
Mrs Jane Sievens and Major The

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE June 25: The Duke of Kent, Member, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Third Guards Club Committee, at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, Landon SWI,

#### Birthdays today The Earl of St Andrews celebrates his 34th birthday roday.

Mr Claudio Abbado, conductor. d): Sir Campbell Adamson, former chairman, Abbey National, 74; Sir Alan Balley, civil servant, 65; Professor Kenneth Barker, Vice-Chancellor, De Montfort University, 62; Mrs June Bridgeman, former deputy chair, Equal Opportunities Commission, 64: Mr L.A. Carpenter, former chairman Reed International Professor Alexander Fenton, for-Museums of Scotland, 67: Mr Willie Hamilton, former MP. 79: Resr-Admiral Sir David Haslam, 73: Lady Holland-Martin, former hairman. NSPCC, 82: Professor Ruth Kempson, linguist, 52: Mr Robert Maclennan, MP, 60; Sir Peter Miles, former Keeper of the

#### The Royal Academy

theme "Technology Transfer in Action" held at Rutherford Apple-ton Laboratory, Chilton, Oxfordshire, last night. AEA Technology pic and the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils were the loint hosts. Sir-William Barlow, FEng. Dr Brian Eyre, CBE, FEng, Deputy Chairman of AEA Technology plc. and Dr Paul Williams, CBE, Chairman and Chief Executive, CCLRC, welcomed Fellows and their guests. The exhibition was fol-lowed by a reception and dinner.

#### Wellington Society

man of the society, presided.

#### Exhibition

of Engineering
of Engineering
Sir William Barlow, FEng. President of The Royal Academy of
Engineering, presided at the 1996
Soiree and Exhibition on the

Mr Peter Gatenby, of PPP, deliv ered a lecture to the Wellington Society yesterday at the Wellington Hospital. Dr Arthur Levin, chair

THE Slovakian comp Vladimir Godár and the cel-

list Julian Lloyd Webber. above, discuss the world premiere in London tonight of Mr Godár's work for cello and orthestra Barcarolle. Mr Webber came to know Mr Godár's music while ap-

pearing at the 1992 Prague

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit

the City Technology College, Cooks Lane, Kingshurst, Birming-ham, at 4.10; and, as Patron of the

Outward Bound Trust, will attend a gale dinner and ball at the

Motorcycle Museum, Coventry Road, Solihull, at 7.

The Princess Royal as Patron of

the Townswomen's Guilds, will attend a national council meeting

at Cardiff International Arena,

Bute Terrace, Cardiff, at 11.50; and

will open a new wing of HM Prison and Remand Centre, Knox

Whitehall, at noon: and as Presi-

dent of the Football Association

will attend the Euro 96 semi-final

The Duchess of Kent, as patron,

will attend the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund annual meeting

at the York Barbican Centre, at

The Speaker presided at the an-

nual meeting of the United King-

dom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held

Meeting

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moris.

Today's royal

engagements

#### Work makes its bow

Spring Festival. "I was so impressed that I wrote asking if I might bear some of his other works," he said. Among the pieces Godár sent to him was a sonata for cello and piano. "It was clear here was

standing of the instrument, "Given also that his sense of orchestral colour was clearly displayed in the ora-torio, I felt that a work for cello and orchestra would be a very exciting prospect."

The concert tonight by the BT Scottish Ensemble at the Hellenic Centre in Paddington Street includes the first performance of John

#### Tavener's Tears of the Angels, with Clio Gould, the ensemble's artistic director. Funding cuts spoil chance to

for aerial reconnaissance this

year," Ms Griffith says. "Fly-

ing programmes cannot be

turned on and off like a tap.

Aeriai reconnaissance re-

mains the most cost-effective

extensive survey medium that

The potential of air survey

was revealed dramatically

last year when a hitherto

unnoficed burial structure

was found at Avebury, Wilt-

shire (The Times, January 30,

Dating to 3,000 years ago.

the circular ditches lay near

the centre of the great stone

we have," she added.

#### spot ancient sites from the air By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

year's funding shortfall has two causes. Ms Griffith says

in British Archaeology, the

The royal commissions

have experienced cuts in gov-

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newsletter of the CBA.

THE present hot, dry weather is offering opportunities for archaeology that will probably be wasted. Cropmarks that would have disclosed unknown sites to aerial photography will go unrecorded because of a lack of funds.

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land is only £5.000, down from £14,800 last year and £23,300 in 1994-95. In addition, local authorities are hard-pressed, with

new and smaller bodies in Wales and Scotland just finding their feet, and English counties having experienced serious cuts.

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Mourad, R.J. Pearson, and Cdr R.E. Wormald, RN.

#### circle, and were described by the National Trust as "tremendously important".

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#### Lecture

#### The Speaker attended a reception at the National Liberal Club last

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Receptions

night to mark the 20th anniversary of the election of women as full members. The Bishop of Chich-ester, president, Mr Stephen Bonarjee, club chairman, Bar-oness Seear, Baroness Robson of Kiddington and the Hon Mrs Ray Michie, MP. received the guests.

Heath Mount School, Hertford The Revd Harry Manhews, MA, Headmaster, received the guests and Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, (Old Boy), President of the School's 1996 Appeal Fund, was the host at a

DEATHS

Commons last evening for Old Boys and Staff of Heath Mount Preparatory School.

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Legal appointment Latest appointments include: Judge David Wikox, 57. to sit in the Official Referees' Court with effect from June 24.

1763; William Thomson, 1st Baron Keivin, physicist and inventor, Belfast, 1824; George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, archaeologist, 1866; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Hillsborough, West Virginia, 1892.

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REESE - James Henry on Tuesday June 28th, peacefully in The Norfolk and Norvich Houstal and 71 years. Dear houstand of Deroity, lather of Richard and Tony, lather in-law of Young and Erne Josephus. Funeral Service at City of Norwich (Cartham) Crematorium on Monday July 1st at 11 am followed. Crematorium on Monday
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COOK - Margaret Helea Mary, widow of Bernard, belwed nother of Felicity and Angela, peacefully on 24th June in Hoty Cross Priory, Cross-in-Hand, East Sussex.

COX - Sir Gordon KBE, FRS. on June 23rd. aged 90. Formerly Secretary of the Agricultural Research Council. Beloved and loving musband of Mary Rossleet and of the inter Locie Grace, hence of Function and Mary grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at 2.50m Friday June 28th at Colders Green Cremitorium. Hoop Lane. London NW11. No flowers please but donations if desired to Friends of RFH/Project. The Royal Free Hoopfat, Pond Street, London NW5 20G or at The Edenhald Marie Carle Centre. 11 Lyndhurst Grands. London NW5 50S.

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GRAHAM - George Edward (Ted) on June 18th in Melbourne. Australia. Former senior partner of Lincoln. Beard makes of Lincoln. Beard makes of Anita. loved and loving father of Angels, Joanna. Philippa and Emma. Loved and respected by all their families and his eight grandchildren.

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McMAR SCOTT - The Hon.
Mary Cecilia on June 24th
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SETCALF - On June 22nd. the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, at Guy's Hospital. Thomas John Tertius Metcalf, brother of Moira and Meliasa, Requiem Mass at Brompton Oratory 11 am Friday 28th June followed by a respector of St Wiffind's Hall. Interment strictly private. No flowers by request but donations to either the Worshipful Company of Wheelwrights Charitable Trust Fund, 11. Bridge Road. East Molecy. Surrey KT8 9EU or to the Special Trustees of Guy's Hospital Account No. CD001, Cuy's Hospital Science, London Stridge, SE1 98T.

MILLM - Cecil Elizabeth (Betty) suddenly but peacefully at home on 22nd June 1996.

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SOLLY - Helen Barbara, peacefully on June 22nd aged 88. Much loved wife of the inte Rex Solly, mother of George, John and David, and grandmother of Thomas. Robert. Christopher. Richard, Isabelle and Benedict. Funeral Service at All Sales. Courth, Language June 29th at 3 pm. Panguy flowers only, Donations if desired, to the Leonard Chephire Foundation c/o Colin Cose. 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dovett DT11 7AU, (01208) 453133.

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DEATHS THOMSON - Anthony Duncam (Totamy) aged 75 years of Minchinkampten. Glos., peacefully on 24th June at the Gloscottenhre Royal Hospital. A dearly loved instead, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Minchinkampton, on Temporal June 2.20 pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, for either Horsfall Home. The League of Friends of Gloscottershire Royal Houstal or the R.N.L.L. Coppaign Ford & Son, Funeral Directora, Directon Home. Calinacross Road. Strond. Glos. GLS 4828.

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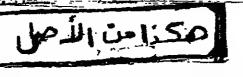
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#### **OBITUARIES**

Pasqualino De Santis. Italian cinematographer, died of a heart attack while filming in Ukraine on June 23 aged 69. He as born in Fondi. in the Latina province of Italy. in 1927.

ALTHOUGH the success (and enduring popularity) of the 1968 film of Romeo and Juliet is inseparable from Franco Zeffirelli's instinctive feel for Shakespeare in his direction of its young protagonists Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey, it also owed much to its director of photography. Pasqualino De Santis. Zeffirelli's was the genius in discerning that, after a number of film versions of Shakespeare's play which had featured seasoned actors, what was required was teenaged performers who could convey the uncontrollable, youthful passions which are the soul of the work. De Santis's lens was the medium through which the beauty - as well as the frequently unruly spirit - of renaissance haly was evoked. It was the Umbrian town of

Gubbio which, in the film, did duty for Verona, in which of course the story is set. De Santis's camera vividly transmitted the blistering heat of afternoons in the piazza, when all but determined troublemakers are safely ensconced in siesta. He evoked the mellow light of evening. reflected from cooling other stucco façades. And his ability to handle the absurdity of young love in close-up, without allowing it to seem merely risible, was masterly.

His performance on the film won him an Oscar for cinematography. making him the first foreigner to win an Academy Award in that particular category. In subsequent films, which included The Assassination of Troisky, Lucky Luciano, Death in Venice and Christ Stopped at Eboli, De Santis confirmed his mastery of his medium. He became the favourite director of cinematography for many of Italy's finest film-makers, including Luchino Visconti. Roberto Rosellino and Francesco Rosi, To PASQUALINO DE SANTIS



The orchard walls are high and hard to climb/And the place death considering who thou art: Olivia Hussey and Leonard Whiting in Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet, 1968

create, to invent, to go beyond the intentions of the director: this is what it means to photograph film," he once

Pasqualino De Santis was born in the small town of Fondi halfway between Rome and Naples; he was ten years younger than his brother Giuseppe, the film-maker with whom he made his debut in 1950 with There is No Peace Among the Olives. De Santis had attended the Experimental Film-Making Centre in Rome between 1945 and 1948 and thereafter became a pupil and assistant of Gianni Di Venanzo, the photographic director who died in 1966 after working for many years with Federico Fellini and the neo-realist director Michelangelo Antonioni. As a camera operator under Di Venanzu. De Santis refined his technique on films such as Salvatore

Giuliano, 8½ and Juliet of the Spirits. Indeed it was from Di Venanzo that he learnt the art of creating mood through the lens. De Santis helped Rosi to finish his 1965 film The Moment of Truth after Di Venanzo was taken seriously ill

during its shooting. The following

year Di Venanzo was asked by the

American director Joseph Mankiewicz to direct the photography of the film The Honeypor. Di Venanzo again fell ill during the filming, this time fatally, depriving Italian cinema of one of its great talents; De Santis completed the photographic direction of that film as

By then his reputation was becoming well established and he went on to make a series of films with Rosi including The Matteo Case in 1972, Lucky Luciano in 1973 and Excellent Corpses in 1976. He also worked extensively with Visconti, notably in the filming of Death In Venice in 1971 and of The Innocent in 1976.

Visconti would often accuse De Santis light-heartedly of being a perfectionist maniac and De Santis recalled that "when we finished Death in Venice Luchino told me the film was too perfect and that I should have tried to create a wrinkle here or

Visconti actually had a point. The De Santis love affair with the camera which had made Romeo and Juliet such a feast for the eye and so ravishing to the emotions had, by Death in Venice, become a trifle cloying. Thomas Mann's limpid (and perfectly filmable) novella ended up being stifled under the weight of lingering camera shots and a quite needlessly complicated plot. The recent A Month by the Lake featuring Vanessa Redgrave was open to the same objection, substituting a somewhat saccharine glow for a realistic evocation of the Italian locations in which it was set. In retrospect (though it had its critics - some severe - at the time) it can be seen that his Romeo and Juliet triumphantly avoided the pitfall which awaits every Italian cameraman who has a deep love for his country's scenery - namely that he will end up drowning in it. Among other foreign directors who

often used De Santis was Robert Bresson, for whom he directed the photograhy of Le Diable Probablement. De Santis was always to characterise his relationship with Visconti as that between mae stro and pupil; with Rosi as fraternal and with Bresson as "simply mysterious". Bresson was, above all the filmmakers he ever met, a "true poet" in De Santis's opinion.

De Santis also did a fair amount of hack work for television advertising. work he did not greatly care for from the creative point of view, but which helped to pay the bills. He died of a heart attack in Ukraine, while concluding the shooting of Rosi's new film La Tregua (The Truce) based on the novel by Primo Levi.

#### KENNETH RANKIN



Kenneth Rankin, forest economist and chartered accountant, died on May 26 aged 86. He was born on July 2, 1909.

FEW people have had a more dramatic influence on the British landscape and rural employment than Kenneth Rankin. Almost uniquely he saw the possibilities which forestry presented to investors in the early 1950s. As a result of this single-mindedness and prodigious enthusiasm, over 400,000 acres of forest were planted in Britain and elsewhere.

Kenneth Naismith Rankin was a Scotsman, but born in Lisbon into a prosperous corkgrowing family. Forestry. therefore, was in his blood. but did not feature strongly in his early career. Educated at Clifton, he qualified as a chartered accountant in 1932 with Thomson McLintock and in 1939 enlisted in the Honourable Artillery Company, transferring to the 51st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, as a subaltern in

His experience at the first siege of Tobruk in 1941 in Australian, New Zealand and South African force withstood the Afrika Korps for five months, made a great impression on him and was the subject of his two books: Top Hats in Tobruk and Lest We Forget. In particular, the way in which all the guns of his battery remained in action despite a total of 1,000 air raids, including attacks by Stuka dive-bombers and the comradeship of the soldiers, deepened his religious convictions and innate optimism about human nature. From this time, too, dated his lasting affection for Australia, New

Zealand and South Africa. Back in London, a job in accountancy did not contain Rankin's ebullient, inquiring spirit. He advised his clients that, by establishing forests that were badly needed by the national economy, it was possible to avoid paying income tax, capital gains tax or estate duty. Not surprisingly, his advice galvanised an industry which had traditionally been

in the financial doldrums. Rankin's key insight was that a buoyant investment market required an organised forestry sector to meet its needs. With this in mind, he set up a number of forestry management companies which coalesced to form the Economic Forestry Group, the flagship of private forestry from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Fuelled by an apparently limitless source of capital via the Evans Rankin office in London, the Economic Forestry Group was, at its peak, planting 30,000 acres a year, culminating most remarkably in the 36,000-acre Eskdale-

muir complex in the Scottish Lowlands, the largest private-ly owned forest in Europe. This heady period was checked only in 1988, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, alarmed at indiscriminate planning in environmentally sensitive areas. took forestry out of the tax system altogether.

Ironically. Rankin was a victim of his own success. He was never a committee man and the inevitable bureaucracy of a large and successful company was not to his taste. In 1976 he retired from the board, only to set up another company. Forest Investment

With his maverick charm and seemingly inexhaustible energy, Rankin was a natural salesman. The key to his success lay, however, in his total belief in what he was selling and in his broad vision of the role of forestry and its industries in supplying British timber needs and bringing employment to rural areas.

In this his objectives were similar to those of the Forestry Commission at that time, founded as it was in the wake of the devastation to homethe First World War and at a time of mass rural unemployment.

Rankin's enthusiasm for initiating a British private conifer industry was inspired, he said, by the view from a mountaintop in Eastern Transvaal in 1960. To the west there was "an arid desert as far as the eve could see with almost no sign of life at all"; to the east 'a quite beautiful scene with the vivid green of the plantations, wildlife, running river, winding colourful roads, sawmill, buildings and houses, supporting railway, and overall a hive of activity. Never again, I felt, should there be any criticism of the conifer."

Rankin always felt particulary at home with foresters and was proud to receive the Society of Forestry gold medal and to be an honorary fellow of the Institute of Chartered Foresters. the first non-professional forester to be so honoured.

In his youth, Rankin was a keen sportsman and enjoyed recounting how the feat of coming second in a race at Clifton against Jerry Corns. later an Olympic silver medallist, landed him in the sick bay for a week. In 1960, visiting South Africa as a member of the Romany Cricket Club, he received the dubious distinction of being hailed as "England's oldest living wicket keeper" in the Rand Daily News.

Kenneth Rankin married his wife Nancy in 1940, on the weekend of the Dunkirk evacuation. He is survived by her and by a son and three daughters.

#### REAR-ADMIRAL PHILIP BURNETT

Rear-Admiral Philip Burnett, CB, DSO, DSC and Bar, wartime antisubmarine expert, died on June 10 aged 87. He was born on September 10, 1908.

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THE contribution Philip Burnett made towards the defeat the German submarine threat in the Battle of the Atlantic included a hand in the well as two years ashore as the co-ordinator of all the Royal Navy's anti-submarine training.

His time under fire could well be said to have started in January 1939 when he was designated as the second-incommand of the destroyer HMS Kelly, then under construction at the Hawthorne Leslie yard on the Tyne. Whatever revisionists may now say about its captain. Lord Louis Mounthatten. there is no argument about the professional zeal, the driving energy and the attention to

detail exhibited by this charismatic figure. Before Mountbatten's arrival on board. Kelly had already received the benefit of his several inventions in equipment and design, and Burnett had been deluged with letters of advice about what courses to attend and what orders to write. Nothing was too trivial to

engage Mountbatten's attention, and when Kelly got to sea ment his philosophy of the "happy and efficient ship" adopted word-for-word by Noël Coward in his celebrated captain's introductory speech to his destroyer crew in the wartime film In Which We

At the outbreak of war. Kelly was soon in action. As leader of the 5th Destroyer Flotilla. Mountbatten was in charge of seven similar destroyers and Burnett was also his flotilla anti-submarine expert. Kelly was operated with considerable dash and flair some say incautiously - and

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suffered a certain amount of damage from weather, mines and collision. But she and others of her group distinguished themselves by evacuating the soldiers of "Mauriceforce", including French Chasseurs Alpins, from the Norwegian port of Namsos in late April 1940 under heavy air attack from the Luftwaffe. This earned the undying gratithe legendary eye-patched warrior, Major-General Adrian Carton de Wiart, VC. On the night of May 10,

tude of the force commander,

Kelly was engaged with Ger-man torpedo-boats in the North Sea when she was hit amidships by a torpedo, and 27 of her crew were killed. Saved by thorough training in damage control, she was towed to Newcastle in a semidestroyer Bulldog. This was a feat that took more than 90 hours under repeated air at-Burnett was twice men-

tioned in dispatches during this period and his promotion to commander in January 1941 clearly expressed Mountbatten's approval. Leaving the Kelly in February, he was appointed to the Navy's antisubmarine school HMS Osprey as the chief training staff

in May 1943, at the height of the Atlantic battle, he was appointed senior officer of the

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Canadian Escort Group C2 in the destroyer Gatineau. The Royal Canadian Navy's substantial contribution to this campaign had required a sudden expansion in its personnel, and the consequent dilution of expertise had led to several such examples of international co-operation.

In September 1943 Gatineau's group, supporting a westbound convoy from Liveranother convoy and a British escort group in a fierce fiveday running battle with 19 Uboats. The wolf-pack tactics of Doenitz's submarines were now being countered by increasing numbers of aircraft, escorts and by improved technology. Three U-boats were sunk and three damaged for the loss of six merchantmen. But this was the first use by the Germans of the T5 acoustic homing torpedo, which sank three escorts and dam-

aged another. In fact, countermeasures against this torpedo were soon in place, but the Uboat captains' exaggerated claims from this battle misled Doenitz for some months. Burnett was awarded his first DSC for this action.

Later, when in the Canadian escort St Catherine's, Burnett led his group in the sinking of U-744 which, although using acoustic torpedoes, was eventually destroyed after a 30-hour search. For this Burnett was awarded a Bar to his DSC.

in command of the destroy-er Helmsdale he shared the sinking of U-743 with another frigate. In February 1945, when patrolling north of the Shetland Islands, Burnett's 10th Escort Group sank three U-boats in two weeks, earning him the DSO. His war service ended in the Admiralty as Assistant Director of the Anti-U-boat Division.

Philip Whitworth Burnett ioined the Royal Navy at Dartmouth in 1922 and on graduation was appointed to the battleship Royal Oak in the Mediterranean. Transferring to the cruiser Emerald on the China station, he took part

of the names that connect the present

generation with the great events and changes of the first quarter of the century. Of the 13 children of Carlo Bonaparte, the Corsican advocate, eight lived to rise with the "star" of Napoleon. Of these children five were sons.

and of the five sons Jerome was the youngest.

The navy was selected for the career of the cadet of the house, and in the French marine Jerome served through the years of the Consulate. It was in 1803, while serving on the

North American station that Jerome, then only

19, met at Baltimore the daughter of a

American merchant, became enamoured of

the lady, and, without asking the permission of

the head of the family, was married to Elizabeth Patterson. Napoleon was pro-

claimed Emperor in 1804, and at the date of his

brother's marriage, was calculating alliances with the royal families of Europe as part of his

policy. He was incensed on hearing of his

faculty of judging the capacity and fitness of individuals for special service. He disliked

insuccessful men. Yet at the commencement

of one of his boldest enterprises Napoleon

intrusted to his brother Jerome, who was only

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in the March 1927 "Nanking Incident", one of the many confused military brushes of that era between the various Chinese factions and Euronean. American and Japanese interests. In this case, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's forces had entered Nanking and, in the excitement, had looted the foreign consulates. A bombardment by Emerald and an American destroyer

Thereafter Burnett followed a conventional progression of courses and promotions, enjoying the illusory sunlit prewar world of the Mediterranean and Far East stations in which the tilting of the strategic balance away from democratic Europe towards totalitarian Italy and Germany and imperial Japan was - almost fatally for the civilised world -- ignored. Burnett specialised in anti-

submarine warfare and in

1934 he became an instructor.

When in the destroyer Decoy. he took part in the ineffective Allied measures to counter Mussolini's attack on Abyssinia in 1935. More than anything, these convinced the dictator that the British no longer needed to be regarded as a threat to territorial ambitions in the Mediterranean: These men are not made of the same stuff as Francis Drake and the other magnificent adventurers who created the Empire," he noted.

Shortly after the war Burnett was promoted captain and commanded the cruisers Euryalus and Jamaica. He also had enjoyable tours in command of the naval air station and subsequently the dockyard in Singapore. Two years in the United States on the staff of the Nato Supreme Commander Atlantic were followed by promotion to rearadmiral and appointment as Chief of Staff to the C-in-C at Portsmouth. Burnett retired in 1958. He had been appointed CB in 1957.

Philip Burnett is survived by his wife Molly, whom he married in 1947, and by their son and two daughters.

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nominally a soldier, a military command that would have required a Soult or a Massena to have borne with credit. It was at the beginning of the Russian campaign of 1812 that Jerome, then King of Westphalia, was placed at the head of 70,000 German troops in Poland. He proved his unfitness for the post by allowing himself to be surprised at Smolensko, and the Emperor's plans were considerably deranged by the error. Jerome was immediately relieved of his command.

Some years earlier after the great and crucial Battle of Austerlitz when Napoleon's career was at his zenith the kingdom of

Westphalia was constructed and given to Jerome, who had consented to the repudiation of his plebeian wife and married Princess
Catherina Frederica of Wurtemberg. The
Westphalian kingdom went down with the
wreck of Empire and the beginning and end of Jerome's reign are almost the only events that marked its existence.

The King of Westphalia fled to Switzerland. and finally settled at Trieste. When Napoleon landed from Elba Jerome returned to France. and took part in the last struggle. He held a command in the campaign of 1815, and was present at Waterloo. Then followed the long period of reverse, which was shared by the whole family; all of the name of Bonaparte were exiled from France. With exile and dispersion came obscurity, that had almost deepened into oblivion when history again took up the fortunes of the Napoleons.

The King of Westphalia was a young man, little more than 30, at the diss Empire; he was verging towards 70 when he returned to France to resume something of his past dignity. The life of Jerome Bonaparte closed in the enjoyment of wealth and honours; but, in truth, his sun went down at noon; the few years of prosperity at the close of his career were but a faint reflex of the splendour and promise in which it began.

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Until a year ago, the incumbent chairman, the long-serving and admired Sir George Russell, might have been expected to move over to the BBC when Marmaduke Hussey stepped down aged 73 this spring. But when in April 1995 Sir George, at 60 as covered with non-executive chairmanships as some people are with tattoos, added yet another to his collection — the Camelot Group (operators of the National Lottery) - he effectively took himself out of the running. Another

millionaire, Sir Christopher Bland, himself the former deputy chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, the ITC's forerunner, took the BBC crown

Among candidates for the ITC chairmanship, the BBC's deputy director-general Mr Phillis heads the list. Ostensibly second in command to John Birt, Mr Phillis is the highest-ranking among those top BBC executives who were not told of the massive impending reorganisation until

just before it was announced this month.

To outsiders, the amiable Mr Phillis shines as the ideal leader for what is still, in. many British hearts, "the other side". He knows ITV and its discontents from the inside out. Before being plucked for the BBC, he had been managing director of the highly successful Carlton Television, although much in the shadow of his boss, Carlton's founder Michael Green, and then went on to Independent Television News. At ITN Mr Phillis would have learnt

about one of the ITC's bardest tasks: to resist the plea of the regional television companies to move News at Ten to a less intrusive spot in the evening schedules. Just last week, at the Royal Television Society. Bruce Gyngell, of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, raised the cry once more. He called the 30-minute news pro-gramme a "strangulating corset". But the ITC is charged by Parliament with keeping an element of public service. And moving the news to 6.30pm or 11pm, marginalising it in the American manner, is not on.

But speculation is probably irrelevant. The ITC job is not big enough for Mr Phillis. aged 50. Nor, at £63,000 a year, is the pay. His BBC salary is about three times what the ITC chairman earns. Sir George has not had to think of such things. As chairman of Marley Tiles since 1989, he ranks among the ighest-paid executives in Britain. Heading the FTC is a job for someone who

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Phillis, Liz Forgan, John Tusa, Sir
rumoured names: John Tusa, former head of the BBC World Service, now chief executive of the Barbican; Sir Michael Checkland, former BBC Director-General: and possibly Liz Forgan, the recently departed BBC Radio managing director.

The appointment, in the gift of the Government, has been filled by a woman once before. Lady Plowden was chairman of the IBA from 1975 to 1980, and is still remembered for the brisk "Come along, Brian" with which she summoned her chief executive, Sir Brian Young. No government has yet seen fit to grace the BBC with a

roman on top. The ITC chairmanship is no sinecure. The ion must take commercial decisions

which are highly controversial and subject to judicial review. Sir George has faced two court challenges. TSW took the ITC to court after losing its ITV franchise to Westcountry Television in 1992. And, more recently, the losers in the Channel 5 race fought the decision in court. To the credit of Sir George and his chief executive David Glencross, the ITC's judg-ments were upheld in both cases. So, now that Channels 3, 4 and 5 are set on course, there are two

main tasks left at ITC. One is too easy, the other too hard. The easy one is regulating programmes for sex, violence and bad language. The commission handles this bad language. The commission handles this well when it does general performance reviews, but it is in danger of bending over backwards to deal with pernickety complaints from very small numbers of viewers. Its monthly complaints bulletin is

The hard, even impossible, duty ahead concerns terrestrial digital television (DTI). Bruce Gyngell was right to say that this has no future. Satellite television will provide myriad new digital channels well before the more limited terrestrial

variety gets going.

But the ITC has to go through the motions of awarding digital terrestrial franchises because Parliament has decreed it. The commission's 135-page draft, Invitation to Apply, suggests rules that are inappropriately specific and complex for an unknown new business. The new ITC chairman's delicate task, therefore, will be to lead the commission in choosing some digital applicants over others. Yet at the same time he or she must find a way to explain to politicians that they went out of their depth in the digital clauses of the new Broadcasting Bill. The truth is that neither the experience nor the expertise exists for the ITC to make any reasoned judgment.

#### It's not so good for you, Bob

BT is expected to drop its television frontman, Bob Hoskins, from its advertisements - at least temporarily because viewers outside the South East are becoming cheesed off with his cheeky chappy London accent.

To redress the regional bal-ance, Abbott Mead Vickers, the company's advertising agency, is said to be considering running a campaign fea-turing Billy Connolly, the actor and comedian best known for his coarse humour and his broad Scots. It's good to talk, but not, it

seems, in a cockney accent. Synchro scribbling THIS year's spectacular sum-

And who might this "re-spected journalist be"? Why. John Lovesey, of course! mer of sport is clearly putting Queen's new title strains on the nation's over-ATTEMPTS by American worked sports journalists. broadcasters to woo Chris-With so many column inches

to be filled, editors are having to cast their nets far and wide to find competent writers. None was more stretched than John Lovesey, the editor of The Sunday Times alphabetical pullout supplement, "1,000 Makers of Sports", who appeared to be running short of contributors by the time he Fortunately, Lovesey had a brainwave. Who better to

reached the letter "M".

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write the supplement's glow-

ing tribute to the Channel

swimmer Kevin Murphy than

He is, after all, a journalist

with Independent Radio News It was entirely fitting,

then, that Murphy, who was

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Is BT about to replace Bob Hoskins with Billy Connolly?

tiane Amanpour, undisputed Queen of the Sarajevo media corps, away from CNN have failed. Well, almost failed. After months of offer and counter-offer, during which seven-figure sums were bandied about, Amanpour, who is considered one of the toughest cookies on the war scene, has landed herself a dream deal that must make her one of the hottest properties on the international news circuit.

She will continue working with CNN, but with the fancy title of "chief international correspondent". In addition,



her contract will enable her to contribute at least five pieces a year to CBS's much respected 60 Minutes, the grandaddy of all US news magazine programmes.

While it may be pushing it a bit for Britain to claim credit for Amanpour's success, she was born in London and did get one of her first breaks on the BBC's The World Tonight.

IN DEATH as in life. Andreas Papandreou, the former Greek Prime Minister, maintained his ability to confound the press. On Sunday, the day

he died. The Observer was to confidently assuring its readers that the veteran socialist "is still a force to be reckoned

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Michael Jenkins, Pedigree's PR manager, sheepishly explains that the cards are designed to give a friendly touch to the company's direct-marketing plan.

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He says: "We find that it is very beneficial to have an interactive relationship with our customers. We can communicate about our products and build a one-to-one relationship with thera."

## Campaign to rehabilitate beef begins



THE BEEF industry is bravely putting its head above the parapet this week and mounting its first advertising campaign since the BSE scare gripped the nation three months ago. Starting with a toe-in-the-water press campaign by BMP DDB tomorrow, it will develop into a bolder national TV blitz

next week followed by posters. Exhaustive research has shown that most consumer worries focus on mince, so the posters and press work. across all national newspapers, is specifically tailored to address this.

The TV campaign consists of a 50-second ad which was initially scheduled for March but had to be put back because the scare over the link between BSE and British beef broke just two days before the ad was due to go out.

ST LUKE's, the groovy agency which has introduced West Coast advertising practices here in the form of virtual offices and hot-desking (otherwise known as working from home), is now pioneering "method advertising" - an approach to pitching for business and creating ads which involves total immersion in the brand. The agency already tested this when

it competed, successfully, for Ikea in March by sending staff to work in the store for a few days; now it is fighting for the £6 million Parkworld account. Preparations have involved away days at Butlins in Bognor and stays at Haven Holiday Centres where St

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Luke's acolytes have been spotted donning giant Elvis wigs, playing bingo and entering excruciating karaoke competitions. We go along and get really involved in what the client does and what the customer is like. That makes the advertising much truer to the brand," says one enthusiast. Whether Parkworld will be im-

EURO % is proving a challenge not only for footballers but also for advertising agencies, eager to achieve "stand-out" for their clients among the

glut of commercial messa Pedestrian 30-second TV spots and predictable perimeter ads are being tossed aside in favour of an array of novel stunts, dubbed "ambient media" by outdoor specialists Concord who

have dreamt up many of the ideas. These include the branding of the entire Wembley Central Tube station by Snickers, and Mastercard mooring an airship above Wembley, as well as sneaking logos onto microphones which are shoved into Terry Venables interviews alongside the regular TV reporters mike. Even Nike has mounted a giant banner on a building

adjacent to the Manchester venue. Concord estimates that at least £2 million has been invested in alternative media for Euro 96, but the value of the TV exposure they are securing is incalculable. Sources say the more traditional sponsors and advertisers are considering official complaints.

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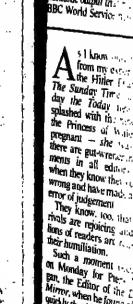
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The BBC is putting all its eggs in one basket. But is this good or bad news for customers, asks Alexandra Frean

# Will we lose our voice in the world?

'I have no

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f the BBC were starting its news operation from scratch. says Tony Hall, now chief executive BBC News, it would be crazy for it to set up separate departments in Broadcasting House (home of network radio), Bush House (home of the World Service) and Television Centre (home of television news).

In attempting to justify the regrouping of the corporation's entire news output into a single base at Television Centre under a single management structure. Mr Hall paints a touching and cosy picture of journalistic nirvana with reporters all pulling together and in the same direction.

"By putting all of the BBC's news operations into a single building they can become more than the sum of their parts. Journalists will be able to encourage each other and widen each other's perception of what's happening in the world. Journalists out in the field will have more outlets and so a much wider audience to broadcast to," savs Mr

There will also, he adds, be considerable efficiency savings.

brought about by economies of scale, the use of new digital editing and abroad. I have no doubt that if

equipment and by multiskilling, which — in theory — will enable reporters to turn their hand as writing a report to be put out on the Internet. As if this were not already enough, the BBC also intends to derive a new stream of income by selling to other broadcasters the multimillion-pound customised digitial editing system that it is planning to install.

Real life, of course, is not like this. Many in the World Service, for example, fear that by turning it into a paying customer forced to buy in news from a centralised BBC News fat a price to be determined by BBC News), it will lose its distinctive

After all, it is precisely its differentness from the BBC's domestic output that has made the BBC World Service news so great.

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The World Service does not owe its reputation to its name or the initials "BBC.", but to its output and its ability to respond to the subtle sensibilities of different countries around the globe. To paraphrase George Bush: It's the programmes,

stupid.
If the World Service has its own distinctive voice, so, too, does BBC World, the corporation's international, commercial television news service, run by its commercial arm BBC Worldwide, which will also be

a paying customer of BBC News. It is all very well for the BBC's domestic news, for example, to take the intellectual high ground, but different editorial values are needed with BBC World, which has to compete with the likes of CNN. Sky

News and NBC Superchannel. There are bound to be minor problems, too, in persuading tion's older, highly re-spected and valued reporters to adapt to the brave new digital world of multiskilling. While Mr Hall recog-

nises some of these po-tential problems, he clearly believes that the BBC has no alternative

we do nothing, we will not survive,"

Although his concern about the from rival news providers such as the cable business channel, EBN, Channel One, Live TV (yes, he did say Live TV). NBC Superchannel. CNN and Sky News, and the burgeoning commercial radio sector, may be slightly exaggerated, there is no doubt that the voice of BBC News is in danger of being drowned out by rivals.

BBC World provides an apposite case. For all its success in Europe and the Far East (where it is available in 43 million homes), the channel still has not managed to find a single cable company in the United States with room enough to carry it on their systems. The channel is now resigned to having to wait for a slot on a digital



Tony Hall, chief executive BBC News: "I want to loosen things up to bring in a younger audience"

first foothold in North America. It is simply not enough, it appears, for the station to have a brandname unrivalled in the broadcasting industry and access to an immense contemporary and historical news, current affairs and documentary archive made to the highest production values in the world. With so much competition about, what BBC World really needs is marketing nous and there are no signs that the restructuring, which will require it to buy in its programmes from a centralised BBC News in London, will make the slightest difference on this front. Mr Hall appears impatient with such arguments, stressing instead

the importance of the BBC's core

"editorial sanity" in establishing its proper place in the international marketplace. His overriding concern is that in order to beat the competition, the BBC is able to deliver news to audiences in any form at any time they want it.

n the UK his first step on this road will be the launch of an online news service. Next will come a 24-hour, free-to-air digital television news channel in the UK, possibly as early as January 1998 when the Government hopes the first digital terrestrial services will be made available in Britain to viewers able to invest the necessary receiving equipment.

channel will have some of the freshness and sheer breadth of coverage of Radio 5 Live and that it will bring in new viewers from commercial television. To help to achieve this he has appointed Tim Orchard, editor of BBC breakfast news, as project co-ordinator for the new channel, reporting to Jenny Abramsky, the new head of contin-

uous news Mr Hall envisages news programmes set in a real-life news room, with the coming and going of reporters seen in the background, similar to the current BBC programme Westminster Live. "I want to loosen up the atmosphere and to bring in a younger audience," he

#### A great service to Britain

The planned BBC shake-up has alarmed World Service supporters. Sam Younger, its managing director, explains his vision

t a House of Commons A Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on the BBC World Service, the chairman, David Howell, referred to it as the tip on the spearhead of Britain's presence and influence around the world.

My vision is of a World Service in the 21st century which plays that role yet more effectively by proving able to adapt to changing conditions and to exploit new technologies while preserving the core of its identity and status as a key exponent of the best of Britain. To millions of listeners world-

wide, the World Service is the very essence of public service, an essential tool. And in these days of accounting for the cost of everything, we should not be diffident about making the case for it on this basis. I think, for example, of Afghani-

stan and Somalia, where our services in Pashto and Somali. although on air for less than 90 minutes a day, have the starus of the main national broadcaster. I think of Iran, where our broadcasts

in Persian meet a need not just for accurate news but for a window on both Persian and Western culture. And in Burma, the BBC still provides almost the only source of formation on the Opposition won the country's last election but was never allowed take power Only last month Aung San Suu Kyi could be heard speaking to the

Burmese people through the BBC's airwaves. We are witnessing a trend to-wards political and cultural fragmentation, or what one might even call — slightly provocatively — trib-alisation. This applies to the relationship between North and South, the West and the Islamic world and the West and China. To borrow a concept used by geologists: we are seeing the formation of new tectonthe East-West conflict. And with these, new fault lines emerge, along

which nationalist and ethnic con-

Younger: meeting a need

flicts can easily spread. For many years, therefore, shortwave broadcasting from London will provide for much of the BBC's total audience. It cannot be precipitately abandoned, despite funding pressures and technological advances. A new BBC short-wave station will even be opened in Thailand this year to serve audiences in the Indian sub-continent and the Far East. We are planning one further major short-wave development, moving our facility from

Masirah to mainland Oman. However, short wave is a far from perfect delivery medium. The

big development of recent years has been the increasing readiness of radio stations in many countries to place World Service programmes in their own schedules on FM or medium wave. What the World Service can offer increasingly is the BBC as a partner. This emphatically does not mean trying to compete anywhere as a local broadcaster but leveraging what I see as the two most valuable historic assets of the World Service - the excellence of its journalistic and production standards and its elobal perspective and coverage.

An example of an area where this is already becoming a reality occurred last January. A prime-time programme was launched that is a co-production between the BBC and a leading public station, Boston's WGBH. The idea is that the BBC's global news and current affairs agenda can be made to appeal to an American audience even in the key listening times if it is integrated with what is identifiably an American product aimed at the

The programme, The World, is copresented from studios in London and Boston, its international news coming from the World Service newsroom and its programme confrom both sides of the Atlantic. It is now aired by 55

In many of our most important markets, not just in Europe but in the Far East and

the Indian sub-continent, our role will change from sole or main provider to "mediator" for those who find that the possible sources are so varied that they need help to decide what is true and what is important in an increasingly interde-

With this in mind, one of the key developments we are exploring is digital technology — which will high-quality signals. This will pro-vide, alongside our present English-language schedule, with its rich mix of news, culture and education, a 24-hour channel devoted

entirely to news and current affairs.

I see a World Service reaching out ever more effectively, increasingly in parmership with those it seeks to reach, to the benefit of this country. As time goes on, Britain's international standing and reputation are likely to be even more dependent on the intangible assets which — I hope — it will be imaginative enough to sustain.

This article has been adapted from a speech that the author will give to the Royal Institute of International Affairs at the QE2 conference centre tonight.

# Day the Daily Mirror went right over the top

the Princess of Wales was pregnant - she wasn't there are gut-wrenching moments in all editors' lives when they know they've got it wrong and have made a giant error of judgement. They know, too, that their rivals are rejoicing and millions of readers are relishing

their humiliation. Such a moment occurred on Monday for Piers Mor-gan, the Editor of the Daily Mirror, when he found all too quickly that his declaration of "war" on Germany ahead of tonight's Euro 96 semi-final

- "Achtung! Surrender, For you Fritz, ze Euro 96 Championship is over, accompanied by pictures of Gazza and Sheringham in steel helmets - had utterly misfired and failed to raise the chuckles he expected.

He was attacked 'on the BBC Today programme and the Press Complaints Commission received a record number of complaints. There were angry faxes from readers and he was repudiated by his bosses. Yesterday Vauxhall, one of the sponsors of Euro 96, waved the red

card and withdrew its advertising (as it also did from the Daily Star which was still peddling "Mein Gott" and Krauts" in its headlines). I hated the Mirror's sham-

ing anti-German journalism on Monday just as much as its gibes against Spain last week when it published "10 Nasties Spain's Given Europe", which included syphilis, Spanish flu and the Inquisition. That, however, had the saving grace of a touch of wit. Also included was Eldorado: "All right, the BBC gave it us, but Spain allowed it to be filmed there".

There are occasions when editors know they have gone over the top. Yesterday, as Morgan retreated under fire. there was not a whiff of xenophobia in the Daily Mirror. He declared "Peas in our time" (in yet another of the ghastly puns that all the tabloids are using) and his front page picture showed Jurgen Klinsmann, the German captain, accepting a



goodwill gift and peace offering of a Harrods hamper. At The Sun they were joking about "appiersment".

As Stuart Higgins, the Editor of The Sun, pointed out. Morgan put himself offside on Monday by sliding over the fine line between jingoism (OK) and xenophobia (definitely not OK). Getting that judgment right, sensing the public mood, carrying readers with your editorial deci-

sions, is the skill of editorship. At both the News of the World and the Daily Mirror over the past two years. Morgan has shown that he has that skill - and only a

ONE EL OF A KICK FOR THE SUBS One of the plum jobs in Fleet Street is writing the headlines on the front

and back pages — and splash subs love puns such as the Daily Mirror's "Edam Busters" after England beat the Dutch. I offer a selection from England's finest headline writers after Seaman's match-winning save in the penalty shout-out against Spain. Seaman sinks Armada. The Observer: Scaman rules the waves, Mail on Sunday, Scaman's Mission. The People; Scaman sinks 'em. News of the World: One El of a Win, The People: Ole for Goalie — Fans have El of a party, Sunday Mirror: It's The Sun Hats Wot Juan It! The Sun. sisted the xenophobia of his rivals when John Major launched his anti-European beef war. So it is difficult not to feel a sneaking sympathy for him and to think it is better a mass tabloid editor is occasionally outrageous than too timid.

With The Sun selling 1.6

million more copies a day than the Daily Mirror - and sales of both papers up by 100,000 after England matches - he has constantly to look over his shoulder and try to second-guess his main rival. was wrong-footed on Monday only by trying to out-Sun The Sun, which meanwhile outwitted Morgan by relegating Euro 96 to a sidebar celebrating the contribution to England's success of the 40,000 hats the newspaper handed to fans, and led on a picture of Baywatch's Pamela Anderson, husband Tommy Lee and new baby Brandon Thomas clad in

an unusual outbreak of pro-German sentiment yesterday in the rest of the British press. with the Daily Mail denouncing jingoism, the Daily Express praising Germany and The Independent, published by the Mirror Group, devoting most of a page to Teutonic creativity and headlining its front page: "Don't be beastly to the Germans". There was also an outbreak of humour in the German

One happy consequence of Morgan's misjudgment was

press, particularly in Bild, Germany's Sun. Among 11 Sun-style questions it posed for the English yesterday were: Why have you never won the European championship? Why do you look like freshly-cooked lobsters after one day on the beach? Andreas Koepke, the German goalkeeper, was surprised that the Mirror had managed to find a steel helmet big enough for Gascoigne.

Often in the past the tab-loids have built up England's sporting heroes, only to crucify them when they fail. That will not happen if, God forbid, England lose tonight. Both Higgins and Morgan agree that after their performances in Euro 96, England have reached Frank Bruno status. They will still be

# Choose your video release from a hole in the wall

E first hole-in-the-wall dispenser issuing videos and CD-Roms has been launched in Britain by Cinemat

Customers in Islington, north lendon, with a personalised smartand will be able to choose from up to 520 of the latest video releases, or 910 CD-Roms at any time of the day. seven days a week.

Thomas Oronti. the director of Cinemat UK, says: "The video rental market is picking up again, but the Nicole Veash looks at a marketing revolution from Italy that promises to end the rental monopoly by offering cut-price videos from a dispenser business and not to have a shop at

choose the films they want to watch any time of the day or night." Dispensers were launched seven

years ago in Italy, where there are now 4,000 machines. Video club members can select a movie using genre, title, actor or director. A summary of the plot is given on-

These machines allow people to ated graphic showing the front cover of the video.

The machine, which costs £21,900 to buy, also has a slot for videos to be returned. They can be programmed so that children are permitted to take out only U or PG-rated films.

Mr Oronti says: "These machines can be put anywhere. In Italy it is to lease an area of another

all." Prices can be set depending on time of return, with six hours' hire costing about £1.80, 12 hours about £2.50 and 24 hours £3.00.

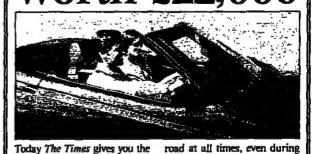
Lavinia Carey, director-general of the British Video Association, says: ∸Many people have looked at launching this system in the UK and decided there are a number of

ability to browse and they don't see any advertising. And there is a problem with children getting agerestricted videos when they borrow their parents' card."

But Rob Mead, news editor of VTV Magazine, says: "Anything that breaks down the video rental monopoly and broadens access to videos is a good thing."

The video rental industry boomed last year, with Forrest Gump the

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Senior ministers are urging John Major to bring forward next month's planned reshuffle to end speculation about the future of some Cabinet members, including the Agriculture Minister, Douglas Hogg.

The Prime Minister has said that he wants to leave the Cabinet unchanged but a reshuffle of middle-ranking ministers is being forced on him by Tim Eggar and Steven Norris, who want to leave front line politics......Page 1

#### Rushing home for ring-side seats.

■ Millions will rush home from work tonight to take their television seats for England's soccer clash with Germany. In addition to 76,000 fans at Wembley another 20 million are expected to watch on television. The AA said: "The rush hour will be much more concentrated than normal"...... Pages 1, 2

#### **Buddhist finds**

The British Library has discovered sensational manuscript fragments whose potential signficcance for Buddhist scholars is comparable to that of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Christianity and Judaism ... ..... Page 1

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John Major was on a collision course with dozens of Tory MPs by brushing aside demands to stop the £1.6 billion sale of armed forces' married quarters...Page 2

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assault after a court ruled that he was the victim of a church conspiracy... Medical 'disaster'

#### Medical care in the inner cities is

threatened with disaster because of the exodus of doctors from the NHS, the British Medical Association said ..... Hero's badge stolen

The mother of an SAS hero killed in action pleaded for burglars to return her last memento of her son — a brooch in the shape of the SAS winged-dagger cap ...Page 5

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Fraudsters are gaining unexpected bargains from the new supermarket loyalty cards. They are being reprogrammed with stolen details of bank accounts for use as fake "swipe cards" ...... Page 6

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Tony Blair confirmed that he would be prepared to authorise a nuclear attack...

#### Generals purged

Russia's new security boss, Aleksandr Lebed, purged seven generals from the Defence Ministry in his first big shake-up since being appointed. Page 13

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Israel raised with Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, its deep anxieties that Egypt has recently acquired Scud missiles and launchers from North Korea ..... Page 14

#### Germany-China row

Bonn and Peking were caught up in a political feud over Tibet that could harm Germany's position as China's main European trading partner.

#### Boycott call

Well-off consumers should be urged to boycott products made by children to try to stamp out the growth in child labour, said Bill Jordan, general secretary of the Brussels-based International Confederation of Free Trade Unions...

#### Vital statistic is being under 25

■ The most vital statistic for some models yesterday was their age. Sixty of them, all beyond the ripe old age of 25, have been told their services are no longer required. IMG Models has decided to clear its books of many of its "older more commercial girls" in an attempt to move upmarket towards the trend for younger, more "homespun" girls ...... Page 3



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Preserving property: They may be charming but should these postwar houses be listed?.

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The drastic Chinese reaction to the German parliament declaration on Tibet is prompted by what Peking regard as Western interference on the issues of Taiwan and Tibet. One can deduce that the power struggle in Peking is forcing leaders to take a tough line on foreign policy . . . the cancelling of the invitation to the German Foreign Min-

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Far from failing the less obviously able, selection offers the same benefits as it does the gifted - an opportunity to have an education tailored to aptitudes \_\_\_\_Page 21 The China trap

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"But this is a free-wheeling brainstorming dialogue to understand the difficulties and dangers of the role of First Lady in a chauvinist society".....

#### SOLUMES SIMON JENKINS

After the 1965 education reorganisation. I was convinced that wherever further reform might lead, it would not be back to institutional selection at 11. The Tory party showed political maturity in accepting this, though most 11-plus winners were its supporters, Selection at 11 was too unfair. It was for history's dustbin. We seem to be watching a party determined to

#### JOHN REDWOOD

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England's football fixture against Germany has raised more than the usual hyperbole, lurid headlines and hot air. There is something special about the contest. It has stirred deep feelings ...... Page 20 ALAN COREN

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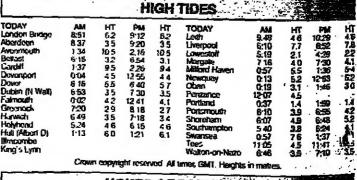
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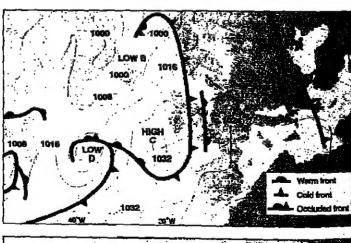
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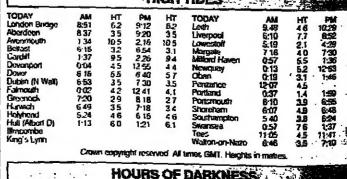


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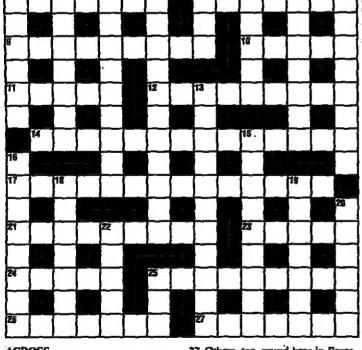
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7 The language of the American side! (7).

8 Bigmouth is first to gamble in card game requiring skill (S). 13 Unsettled existence in southern states associated with slavery (11).

Economist (4,5). 16 Artist's impressions about getting absorbed in oriental affairs (8). 18 Sound made by you to fake

15 A mother's story announced in the

harmony (7). 19 Harsh treatment given to triads caught (7).

20 A photo with a lion's head at the top (6). 22 Representative for a cause (5). 25 Sort of bed that is warm and dry

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